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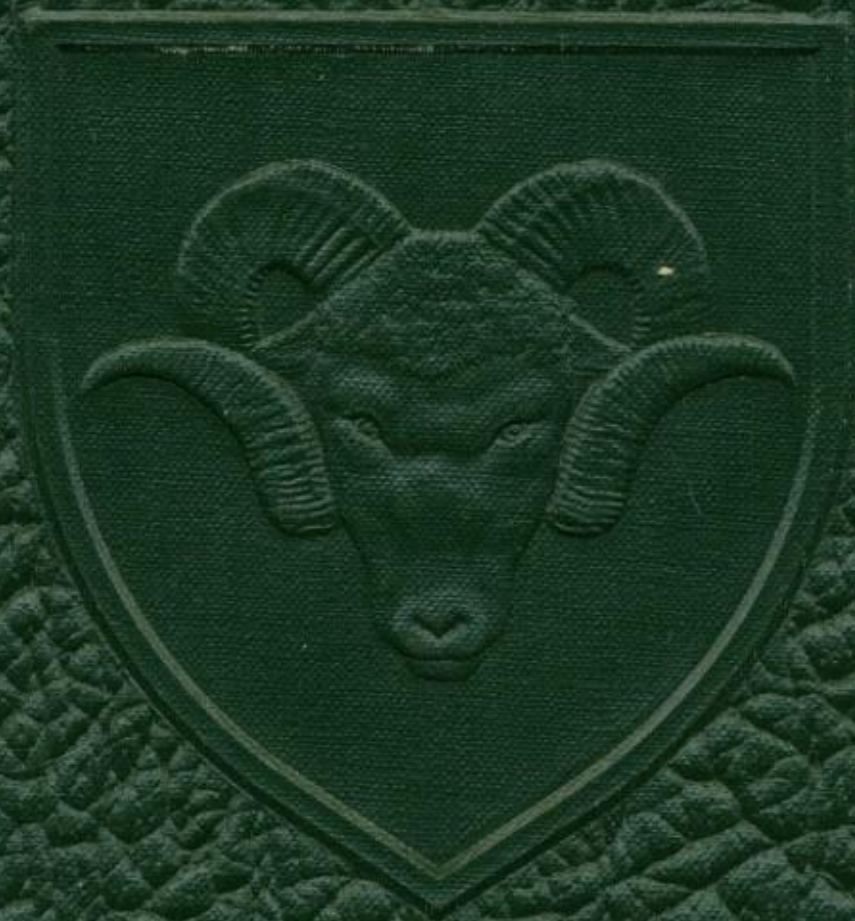

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Best of luck
in the future.
Nancy Whittall
'57

DEAR JAYNE,
MAY YOU HAVE good
LUCK IN THE NINTH
GRADE. LOVE
DONNA
-57-

Good luck
to a good girl
"Porky"
"57"

Best of luck
in the
Ninth

DEAR JAYNE,
BEST OF LUCK
IN YOUR FRESHMAN
YEAR
YOUR CLASSMATE
VIVIAN OR
"FIFI"
-57-

Good Luck Jayne
with Dick Thompson "11"
your future years
at Roosevelt
= Norton =
Good Night
To Kitty
May
we always
be
friends

Jayne,
Best of luck to a real three girl.
I wish you all the little ones
meant in the little ones
mostly deserve it & it takes them
years to grow into a real lady
Your Best Friend
"Z" (Judy)
'57

Best of luck
in your junior
High years.
Roger
'57

Best of luck
in future years
Marie
"57".

luck
ing years
d in band
John

Good Luck
in your future
years.
Paul C.
'55-

May you have
the best of Luck
in the nineth grade.
Judy adams

Jayne
Good luck in your
high school years and
the years that
follow
Judy Stothard
"57"

John Oom
"57"

Best of Luck
Aaron Ackie Eg.

good luck
to a good
twirler.
Jim "57"

Robert Barker
"57"

Good luck in
future years.
Have fun.
Brenda
"57"

Lots of Luck
to a nice
Mike "57" girl

May you always be
the same sweet kid.
Love marianne
"57"

Good luck
to a swell
kid.
"Tuna"
'57"

Dear Jayne
Best of luck in the
coming years of Old
Rockford High.
Bonnie Baker

Book Lucky Stars Horoscope
Lucky Stars Horoscope Book
Lucky Stars Horoscope Book
Right Hand Lucky Stars
Don't Lose Your Right Hand
Don't Lose Your Right Hand
Lucky Stars
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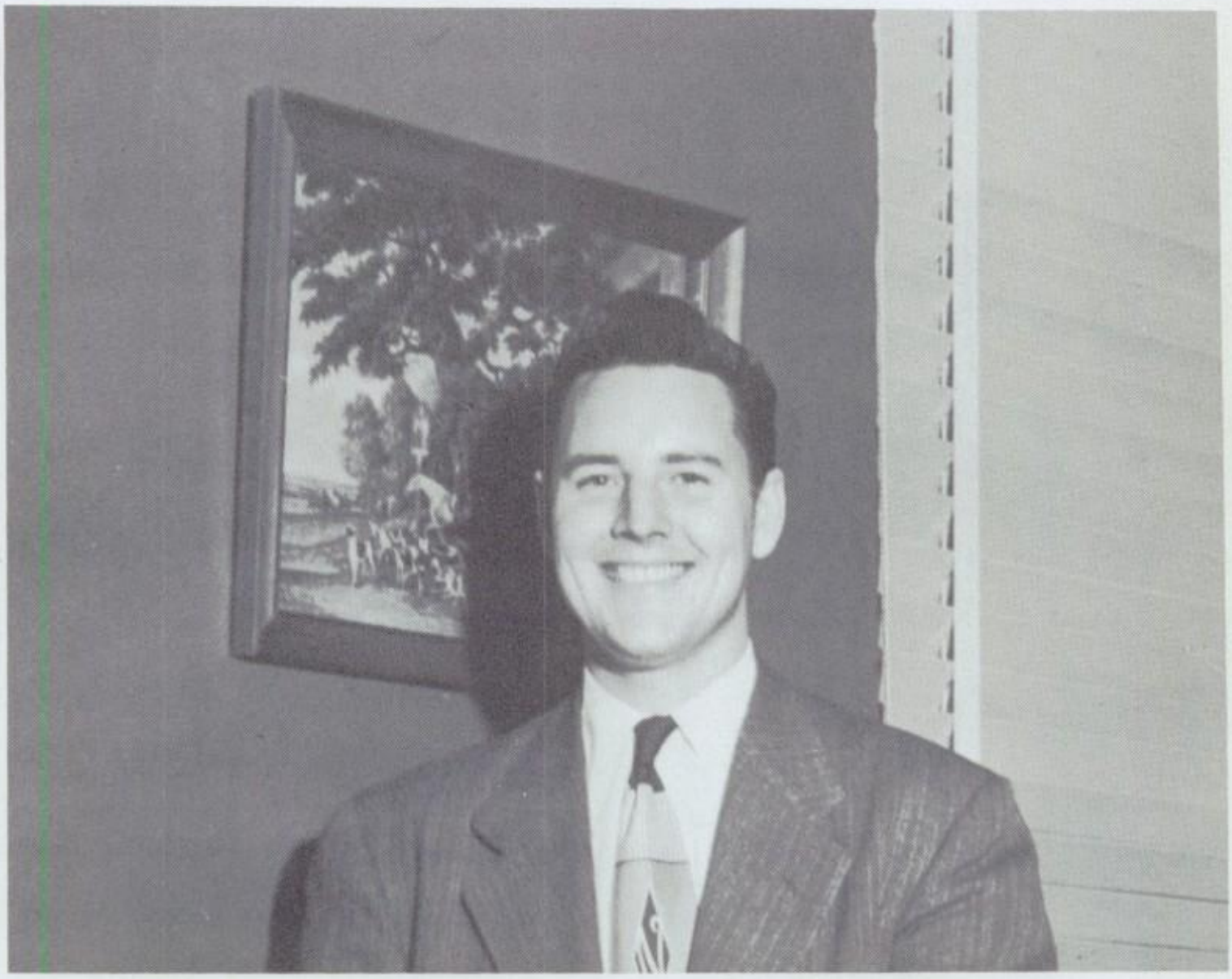
We Nominate . . .

Norman E. May



. . . Mr. Norman May as the FAVORITE SON at Rockford this year and hereby dedicate this Ram's Tale Issue to him.

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Rockford High Presents

OUR CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, where the students are first exposed

1953 Issue

to the public eye . . . .

TALE

Administration

Speaker of the House, Kleinert and Sergeant of Arms, Disbrow

Erwin J. Kleinert, Superintendent

Michigan State Normal College, University of Michigan
B.S., M.A.

Loren A. Disbrow, Principal

Western Michigan College of Education
University of Michigan
B.S., M.A.

Faculty. . . *counselors, managing the campaigns of students eligible for future Inauguration-Graduation; guardians of the filibuster.*

Frederick Bartlett
Vocational Agriculture

Abbie BeMent
Typing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping
General Business

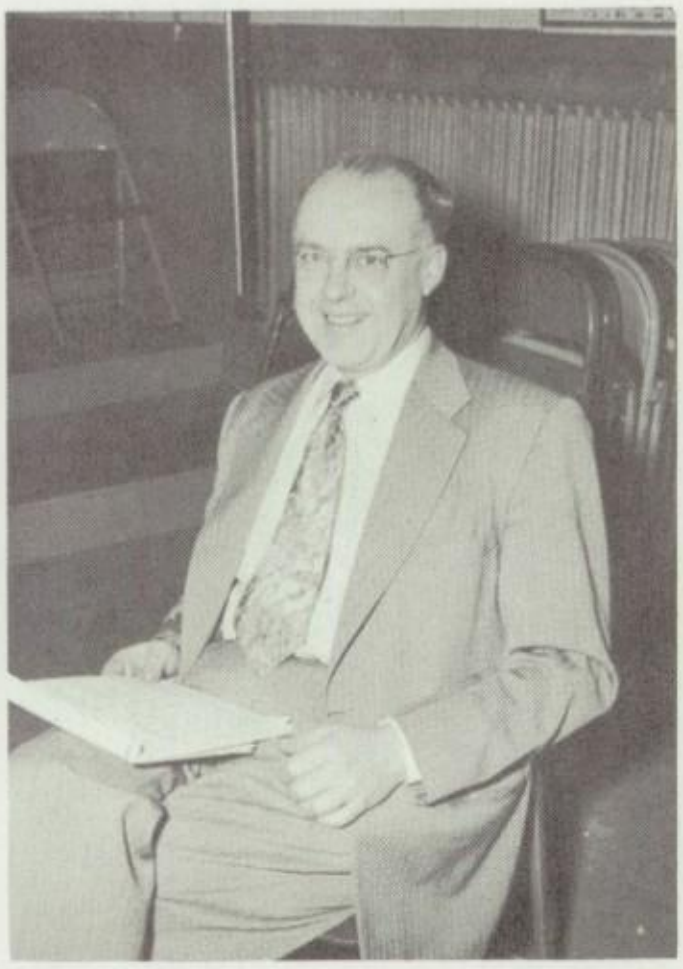
Robert Boyer
English, Spanish
American Culture

Ann Clark
Mathematics, Latin

Leo F. Eby
Junior High Mathematics, Geography

Barbara Friend
Homemaking

Gerald Fox
Athletic Director,
Social Studies
General Science



Erwin J. Kleinert
Consumer Education

Loren A. Disbrow
Senior Choir

Jo-an Kleynenberg
Junior High
Communication Skills

Robert L. Lee
Instrumental Music

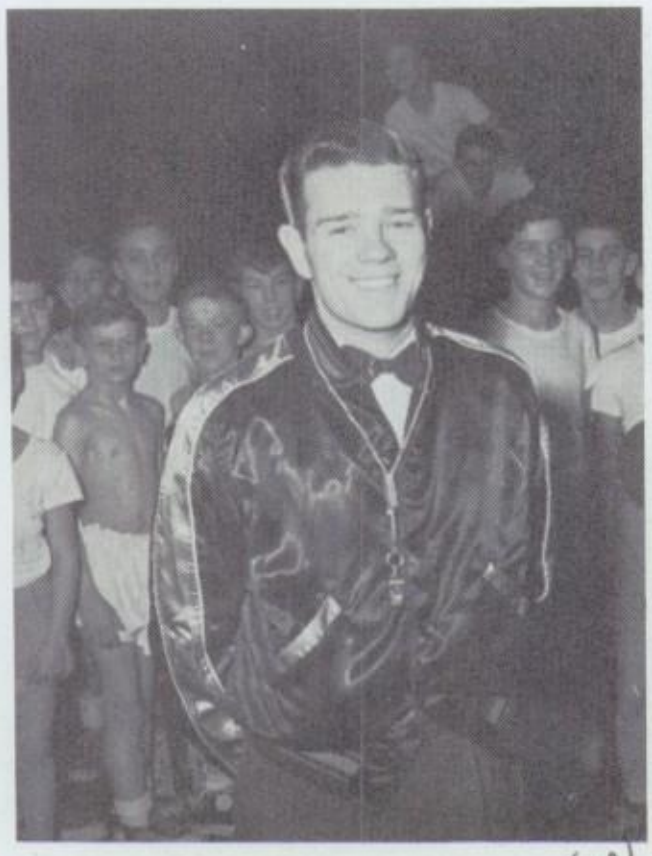
Clinton Lindhout
Chemistry, Biology, Physical Science

Jean Lower
Vocal Music

Denise Martinson
English

Norman May
Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Arts and Crafts

Stanley McBride
Driver Education
Mathematics



Vern Norris
Athletic Coach, History

Fred H. Schultz
Art, Mechanical Drawing

Fredrick Server
Junior High

Judy Toft
Physical Education
Communication Skills

Lena Wood
Homemaking
Personal and Social Problems

Beverly Zimmerman
Speech, Journalism

Myrna Harger
Librarian

Doris Langly
Principal's Clerk

Cafeteria Staff

Sally Morehouse
Superintendent's Clerk

Mildred Dutcher — Florence Roosa — Julia Spring

Custodians

Clarance Fosburg — Jim Hall — Roy Johnson

Ardie Elkins

Bus Drivers

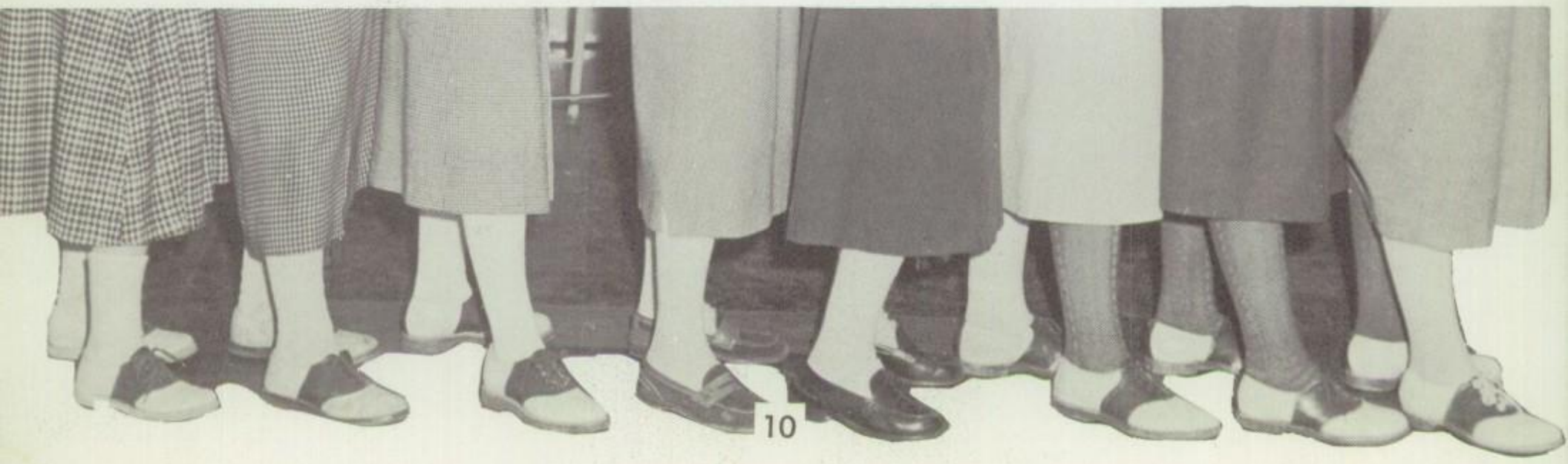
Marvin Fields — Leamon Hardie

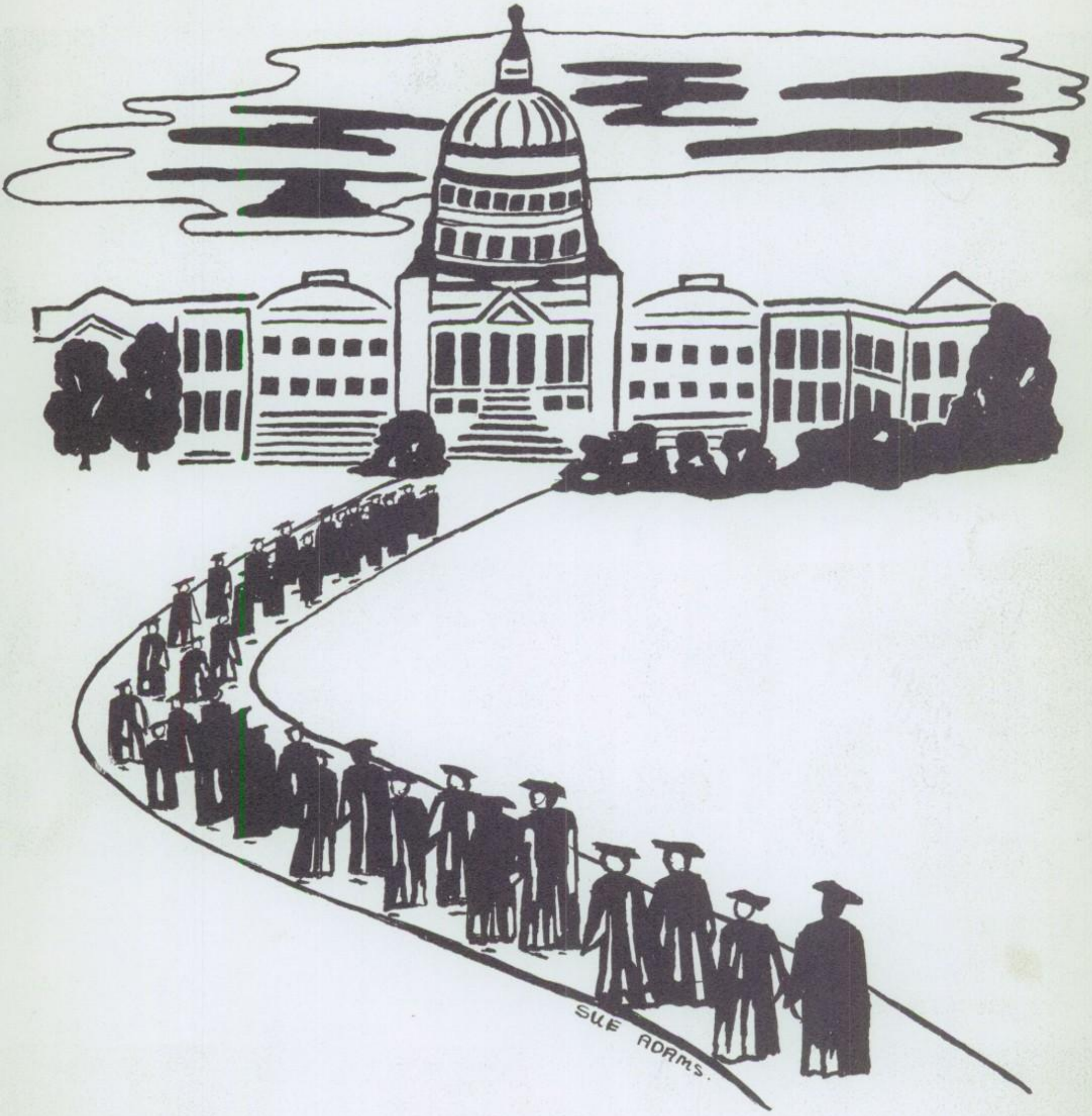
Tom Bateman

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

PENNY

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS





SENIORS

. . . the grave candidates-elect for the 1953 Inauguration-Graduation.

CARL W. ADAMS

"Industry is not only the instrument of improvement but the foundation of pleasure."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 3,4; Court 4; Football 2; Basketball 2; Track 1,2,3.

LOUISE JOAN ALLEN

"Tact comes as much from goodness of heart as from fineness of taste."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Future Teachers Club 4; Cheerleader 1,3,4.

SHARON IRENE ALLERSMA

"Modesty and the dew love the shade. Each shines in the open day only to be exhaled to heaven."

Y-Teens 3; Choir 4; Rocket Staff 3; Future Nurses Club 3.

BARBARA EUNICE AMMERMAN

Barb is proof that, "Very good things do come in little packages."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Rocket Staff 1,2,3; Future Teachers Club 1,2; Future Nurses Club 3; Cheerleader 1,3,4.

JACK M. BARTHOLOMY

"Wit is the salt of conversation."

R-Club 3,4; Choir 4; Tennis 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Stout Fellows 4.

GORDON STANLEY BECKER

"Reverence is one of the signs of strength."

Spanish Club 3,4; Rocket Staff 3; Librarian 2,3,4; Latin Club 3; Bible Club 1,2,3,4.

BARBARA JEAN BEINTUM

"Oh, she's little, but she's wise; she's a terror *for her size."*

Y-Teens 3,4; Rocket Staff 3; Annual Staff 1; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 1,2,3; Latin Club 3; Camera Club.

MARGARET BELL

"It was Margie's nature to blossom into song as it is a tree's to leaf itself in April."

Y-Teens 3; Student Council 2; Choir 2,3,4; Annual Staff 1; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 1,2,3.

JACK LEROY BLOOMFIELD

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Class President 1; Student Council 1,2,4; Choir 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Track 1; Stout Fellows 4.

RICHARD EARL BRANTNER

"You cannot learn to be a comic, it is a gift from God."

F.F.A. 1,2; Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 2; Student Council 1,3; Choir 3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

THERESA S. BRODOWSKI

"Blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds, and, though late, a sure reward succeeds."

Choir 2; Play Cast 3; Commercial Club 3,4.

SHIRLEY ANN BROWNYARD

"A joyous laugh must flow from a joyous heart, for without kindness there can be no true joy."

F.H.A. 2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; G.A.A. 3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Future Nurses Club 3,4.

ROBERT BURNETT

"God always has an angel of help for those who are willing to do their duty."

SHIRLEE ANN CALLIS

"A woman's heart, like the moon, is always changing, but there's always a man in it."

Y-Teens 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Play Cast 4; Camera Club 4; Cheerleader 3,4; Majorette 2,3,4.

DENNIS I. CALLEN

"Depend not on fortune but on conduct."

F.F.A. 1,2,3.

SUSAN JOAN CHAFFEE

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles."

Y-Teens 3,4; Latin Club 2,3; Student Council 1,4; Rocket Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 1,2; Play Cast 3,4; Future Teachers Club 1,2, 3,4; Camera Club 4. Secretary 2, Homecoming Queen

SHIRLIE JEANEEN CIVILS

"The laughter of a girl is and always will be among the delightful sounds of earth."

F.H.A. 1,2,3; Choir 2,3,4; Annual Staff 1.

CLARENCE ARLEN COMMEE

"The fact is, nothing just comes; all has to be fetched."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Play Cast 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3; Stout Fellows 4.

GARY E. CONANT

"A good name will wear out; a bad one may be turned; a nickname lasts forever."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Court 3; Football 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Stout Fellows 4.

SHIRLEY JANE CRYSTAL

"We can do nothing well without joy and a good conscience which is the ground of joy."

Y-Teens 3; Choir 3,4; Future Teachers Club 2.

MARJORIE ANN DAVIS

"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are but in what direction we are moving."

F.H.A. 1,2; Y-Teens 2,3; G.A.A. 3; Annual Staff 3; Play Cast 3.

ROGER LEE DENBRABER

"Music is a prophecy of what life is to be; the rainbow of promise translated out of seeing into hearing."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 2; Choir 3,4; Band 2,3,4; Play Cast 4; Stout Fellows 4.

JOAN BETTY DEYO

"Kindness in ourselves is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in others."

Y-Teens 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2; Class Vice-President 1; Class Secretary 3; Band 2,3,4; Play Cast 3; Future Nurses Club 3,4; Camera Club 4; Majorette 2,3,4.

ORLIE W. DOWNER

"Clear statement is argument."

Stout Fellows 4

EVA FAYE DRYER

"Life is neither pain nor pleasure but serious business to be entered upon with courage and in a spirit of self-sacrifice."

Y-Teens 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Future Teachers Club 3,4; Future Nurses Club 3,4. F.H.A. 1.

LEO FRIEDRICH EBY

"A good man is kinder to his enemy than bad men to their friends."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Court 4; Play Cast 3; Prosecuting Attorney 4; Football 3,4; Basketball 3,4; Track 2,3; Camera Club 4.

ROBERT M. ERICKSEN

"Ambition is the germ from which all growth of nobleness proceeds."

F.F.A. 2,3,4; Class President 4; Student Council 4; Choir 4; Bible Club 4.

ROBERT C. HARRIS

"Fields are won by those who believe in winning."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3; Class Treasurer 4; Choir 3,4; Camera Club 4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Play Cast 3. Court 3, 4.

MARGIE MARIE HOUTMAN

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Rocket Staff 2,3,4; Annual Staff 2; Future Nurses Club 2,3; Camera Club 4.

MAX LEONARD INGRAHAM

"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself."

Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Tennis 3,4; Stout Fellows 4.

DONALD THOMAS KEELING

"Either I will find a way or I will make one."

F.F.A. 3,4; Play Cast 4; Track.

MARILYN LUCILE KITSON

"One enjoys oneself only in his work—his doing; and ones best doing is his best enjoyment."

Y-Teens 3; Rocket Staff 4.

JAMES S. KLEINERT

"Ambition is not a vice of little people."

Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Play Cast 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2; Track 1; Golf 3; Stout Fellows 4.

GORDON KNOX

"I am a great friend of public amusements, for they keep people from vice."

F.F.A. 2,3,4.

VICTOR CARTER KRAUSE

"Men do not live in the past—forward is the universal cry."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Student Council 4; Choir 3,4; Court 3; Play Cast 3,4; Tennis 1,2; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Camera Club 4; Latin Club 3; Golf 3,4.

DON R. KRIEGER

"The truest wisdom, in general, is a resolute determination."

F.F.A. 4; Choir 2,3,4; Bible Club 1,2,3,4.

LAURENCE HARLEY LEE

"This world belongs to the energetic."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Play Cast 3; Latin Club 2,3; Camera Club 4; Bible Club 4.

LEON J. LOCKWOOD

"We may be as good as we please if we please to be good."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Football 3,4; Track 1.

JACK EDWIN LONDON

"Take it easy and live long."

F.F.A. 1,3.

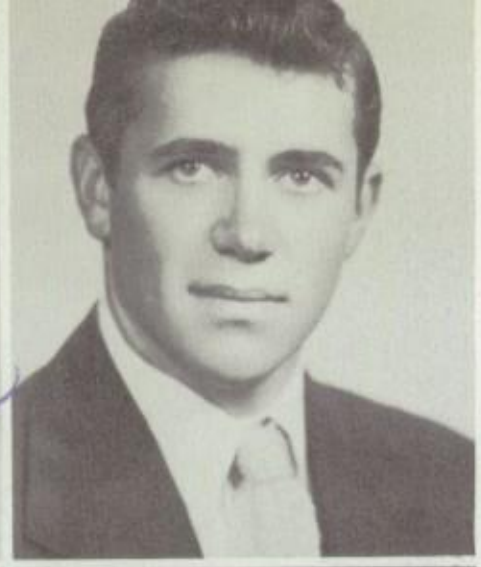
BESSIE BREESE LOYE

"Responsibility walks hand in hand with capability and power."
Class Secretary 1; Choir 2,3,4; Court 3; Annual Staff 2,3; Annual Editor 4; Future Teachers Club 1.

MARCIA ROSE MAY

"A modest person seldom fails to gain the good will of those he converses with."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Majorette 2,3,4; Future Teachers Club 3.



WILLIAM B. McCLARAN

"Where judgment has wit to express it, there is the best orator."

Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3; Rocket Staff 3; Police Force 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Stout Fellows 4.

WILBUR FRED MULL

"There is a noble forgetfulness—that which does not remember injuries."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Choir 3,4; Football 2.

BARBARA E. MURRAY

"True happiness renders her kind and sensible; and that happiness is always shared with others."

JACK C. NELSON

"A man's own manner and character is what most becomes him."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

FRANCIS DAVID NIELSEN

"Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful."

F.F.A. 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Camera Club 4.

ELEANOR JANE NOORTHOEK

"The great hope of society is an individual character."

F.H.A. 2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Student Council 2; Choir 2,3,4; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 3.

CHARLENE LUELLA PARKS

"Delicacy is to the mind what fragrance is to the fruit."

F.H.A. 1,2,3; Y-Teens 2,3; Rocket Staff 3; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 2,3.

VIOLET ANNE PLATT

"Restraint is the golden rule of enjoyment."

Choir 3,4; Librarian 4.

BEVERLY JEAN POWELL

"How goodness heightens beauty!"

Choir 2,3,4; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 3; Librarian 4.

RICHARD A. POWELL

"Good actions ennoble us, and we are the sons of our own deeds."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1; Mayor 4; Student Council 2,4; Play Cast 3; Football 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

DORENE MAY PYNE

"The happiest life is that which constantly exercises and educates what is best in us."

Y-Teens 3; Cheerleader 1,3,4.

REX EDWARD QUACKENBUSH

"A good jest in time of misfortune, is food and drink."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

BARBARA ANNE RICE

"The sweetest pleasures are those which do not exhaust hope."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Class Vice-President 4; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Court 2,3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Future Teachers Club 1,2,3.

FORREST LEON ROOSA

"Every industrious man, in every lawful calling, is a useful man."

Hi-Y 1; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 1,2; Play Cast 3;4. Camera Club 4.

ROBERT WILLIAM SAVAGE

"Providence uses little things for great issues."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 3,4; Class President 3; Student Council 3; Choir 3,4; Rocket Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Play Cast 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4 Track; 1,2,3.

KAY E. SEELEY

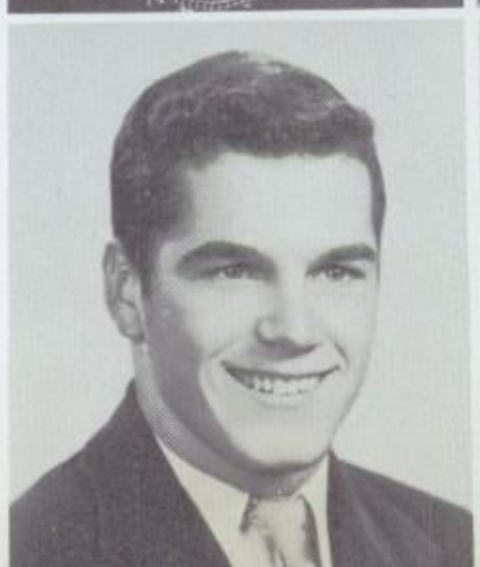
"The fountain of beauty is the heart and every generous thought illustrates the walls of your chamber."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2; Choir 2,3,4; Future Nurses Club 3,4; Bible Club 4.

PHYLLIS SANDRA SHERMAN

"Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor."

Y-Teens 3; Choir 3,4; Future Teachers Club 3.



DONALD A. SHIER

"Good nature is stronger than tomahawks."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Football 2; Track 1,2,3.

DOUGLAS E. SMITH

"A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."

Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 3; Student Council 4; Choir 3,4; Court 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Tennis 2,3,4; Football 3; Basketball 3,4; Police Force 3,4 (Chief 4); Stout Fellows 4.

LOIS EVELYN SOUFFROU

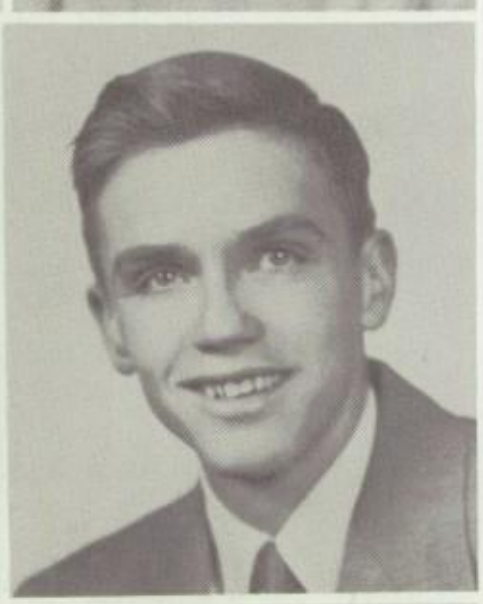
"A warm heart is worth gold."

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 3,4; Student Council 3; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 2; Future Nurses Club 3; Bible Club 4.

GEORGE EDWARD STANLEY

"A smile is the light in the window of one's face."

F.F.A. 2; R-Club 2,3,4; Baseball 1.



JUDY ANN STRICKLAND

"A light heart lives long."

G.A.A. 1; Annual Staff 4; Future Teachers Club 3,4; Future Nurses Club 3,4; Librarian 4; Commercial Club 4.

JANET LEONE SWARTZ

"Cheerful looks make every dish a feast."

Y-Teens 3,4; Choir 3,4.

INA DELL TOWERS

"Active natures are rarely melancholy."

F.H.A. 1,2,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Student Court 4; Future Teachers Club 1,2,3; Camera Club 4.

ROBERT HENRY VANDER JAGT

"The opportunity to do mischief is found a hundred times a day."

R-Club 2,3,4; Football Mgr. F.F.A. 1,2,3,4;

NORMA JEAN VAN DYKE

"A good laugh is sunshine in a house."

Y-Teens 3; Class Treasurer 3; Student Council 4; Choir 2,3,4; Court 3; Rocket Staff 4; Future Teachers Club 3; Librarian 3.

NORMAN LEE VISSER

"Oh! it is excellent to have a giant's strength."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Football 2,3,4.

PATTI ELAINE WATSON

"Silence, when nothing need be said, is the eloquence of discretion."

Y-Teens 1,2,4; G.A.A. 1,2,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Rocket Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 1,2,3,4; Librarian 1; Commercial Club 4; Camera Club 4; Cheerleader 4.

EDWARD J. WESCHE

"Faint heart never won fair lady."

JANET MARIE WEST

"The great thing is not what we get out of life, it is what we put into it."

F.H.A. 1; Y-Teens 2,3; Class President 2; Student Council 2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Court 4; Rocket Staff 3,4; Rocket Editor 4; Annual Staff 1; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 1,2,3; Chief Justice 4.

DOUGLAS FREDERICK WIEDA

"Ambition is the germ from which all growth of nobleness proceeds."

F.F.A. 4; Football 2.

THOMAS WILLIAM WILSON

"A man is never poor who can laugh."

F.F.A. 1,2,3; Hi-Y 3,4; R-Club 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Play Cast 3; Football 2,3; Basketball 2.

MAURICE LYLE WOOD

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

R-Club 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

MELVIN WOOD

"A place for everything, everything in its place."

Hi-Y 2,3,4; R-Club 1,2,3,4; Play Cast 3,4; Football 3,4; Basketball 3; Track 1,2,3,4.

RICHARD M. WOOD

"Light is the task where many share the toil."

F.F.A. 2,3,4; R-Club 2,3,4; Track 2,3.

BARBARA LUCILE YOUNG

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Y-Teens 3,4; Student Council 1; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Court 4; Rocket Staff 4; Annual Staff 1,4; Future Teachers Club 1,2; Future Nurses Club 3,4.

JANICA LOIS ZUCK

"One man's word is no word; we should hear both sides."

Y-Teens 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Play Cast 4; Future Teachers Club 3; Latin Club 3; Camera Club 4.

Valedictorian—Janica Zuck
Salutatorian—Vic Krause

Class Advisor—Mr. Norman May

DIXIE DUGAN

Smile, darn ya, smile

JOE PALOOKA

Whistle Stop

He can cook too!

I Like Ike!

MICKEY FINN

Senior Class Officers

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

Oh Happy Day!

FIRST ROW: Vic Krause, Dwane Forrest, Ron Caniff, Marv Winegar, Silas Sprague, Jack Nelson. SECOND ROW: Eugene Moore, Chuck Wood, Bernard White, Max Ingraham, Joe Prusack, Don Forman. BACK ROW: Fritz Eby, Jack London, Orlie Downer, Wayne MacDonald, Jim Kleinert, Bob Harris, Forrest Roosa, Carl Adams.

REX MORGAN, M. D.

FIRST ROW: Shirley Civils, Doreen Pyne, Theresa Browdoski, Barb Ammerman, Charlene Parks, Louise Langford, Marie Summers. SECOND ROW: Shirley Callis, Jane Hodgson, Lois Souffrou, Janet West, Barb Beintum, Louise Allen, Bonnie Grant, Bonnie Ellafreds. BACK ROW: Marcia May, Helen Helmer, Shirley Gibbs, Sharon Allersma, Barb Rice, Dorothy Graff, Bernice Caniff, Dorothy Dell, Pat Beukema.

THE NEBBS

Junior Play

It was our Junior Play. The overhead lights in the gym went off and the stage lights shone on the presentation of "HEAVEN CAN WAIT." Behind the scenery, the stage crew, the makeup assistants, our director, Miss Zimmerman, and a few "lost souls," waited with breathless anticipation for the first lines. Tom Wilson, as the messenger from heaven, and Mr. Jordan, portrayed by Vic Krause, opened the first scene, first act. Dick Brantner played the champion boxer, Joe Pendleton, opposite Susan Chaffee as his girl, Betty. However, Joe's guardian angel slipped up and Joe was killed in an airplane crash and his body cremated before he realized what had happened. Joe wasn't supposed to die until sixty years later! It was the fault of the guardian angel who then had to make things right again. From here on the guardian angel begins his desperate search to find a suitable body for Joe's soul.

One night while Joe sat listening to Farnsworth's radio boxing match (Farnsworth was Betty's latest beau), he heard the crowd gasp as the boxer was struck, dead. Summoning his guardian angel, he decided to take Farnsworth's body for his own and win the fight. After his victory Farnsworth (Joe) was a real hero in Betty's estimation and for Joe, everything was "heaven" again, except this time he was not a "lost soul!"

Important factor—Max Factor

Senior Play

Having begun play practice sessions on our senior play, JANE EYRE, we found we were a little more experienced this time but just as scared. The actors shouted out their lines very often over the din of a stage hand's hammer and saw. During dress rehearsal the props were moved in and out and fussed over until everybody was satisfied with the way they looked. And then the final night was upon us. All the programs had been properly "burned" and tied like scrolls. (We had scorched them to look like yellowing parchment.) In one dressing room, the girls were struggling into the narrowest of shoes with pointed toes and laces half way to the knee. In the other dressing room, the fellows were donning stiff shirts and high, silky hats. When we met half way we all had a good laugh over the way we looked.

Janica Zuck was no longer just our pal and classmate, but Jane Eyre, a young governess—small in stature but great in character and in her love for Rochester (played by Doug Smith). He, too, became a new individual—the Master of Thornfield Hall—a man torn between his affections and the sorrows of the past. The two new personalities helped to inspire others in the cast with the feeling of this seventeenth century atmosphere and the splendid performance was greatly enjoyed.

". . . darkest hour before the dawn"

Class Prophecy

Carl "Chitwood" **Adams** has finally won his 50th consecutive gear-grinder cup at the Indianapolis Speedway.

Louise Allen is now married to Jack Turner and is happily raising little "Turnips."

Sharon Allersma has just published her current best seller "The Red Years" or "I was a Communist for the Rocket."

Barbara Ammerman Muller has just been elected head vegetable soup taster at Campbell and Co.

Jack Bartholomy or the Red Kidney Bean Kid has just opened his new beanery on the corner of 10 mile Rd. and the highway.

Gordon Becker, or "Smiley Beck" may be seen in his latest picture "The Terrible Turk Rides Again."

Barb Beintum is a famous dancing teacher, specializing in the Charleston, down at the Arthur Murray Studios.

Margaret Bell, the famous Opera singer, has just signed a 99 year lease with the Kuklapolitan Opera House.

Last word on **Jack Bloomfield** was that he was happily employed pasting labels on Schlitz beer bottles.

Dick Brantner and **Ellie Noorthoek** are now married and raising fightin' little "brants."

Theresa Brodowski just beat the world's typing record. Time: 236½ words per minute!

While attempting to swim the English Channel last night, **Shirley Brownyard** was swallowed by a whale.... the whale died too.

Shirlee Callis was just voted Miss America of 1963.

Dennis Callen has just put the finishing touches on his 3 story, 20 room barn started in 1953.

Sue Chaffee has just been elected head doctor at the Kalamazoo State Hospital and is an A-1 example.

Shirlie Civils has finally married her one and only in Bell-Ding-Dong.

Clarence Commee has just invented a new dictionary in his own language.

Gary Conant has just invented an indestructable beer bottle. But what's the use of an indestructable beer bottle?

Shirley Crystal is now the private secretary to the President of Stanley Brush Company.

Marjorie Davis is Miss Society of 1963.

Roger Den Braber is now a big time businessman producing "Den's Hair Restorer."

Well, **Joan Deyo** is still borrowing her father's car and "messing" up the speedometer so it won't register the correct mileage.

"Bing" Downer now has a '63 Chevrolet and is putting 100 miles a day on it going back and forth to the Beer & Wine take out store.

Eva Dryer is now captain of her own ship in the Navy Waves.

Fritz Eby may be heard any night over station E B Y sponsored by the T I N Ears Corporation of America.

Bob Erickson was just elected chief postage stamp licker down at the local post office.

Bob Harris has just been elected Secretary of the Treasury. No doubt due to his past experience at ole' Rockford High.

Margie Houtman and **Doug Smith** are now starring on their weekly T.V. program "I Love Margie" sponsored by "Lucky Smith's Cigarettes."

Max Ingraham has followed in his father's footsteps and is shaving Eskimos in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Don Keeling has been promoted from washing windows at Sears to the same job at the Empire State Building on the fifty-second floor!

Marilyn Kitson now has her own chicken farm and is making millions on Kitson's Kitten-Soft Chicken Feathers.

Jim Kleinert is still working diligently trying to keep the Stout Fellows out of trouble.

Gordon Knox and **Leon Lockwood** have joined forces to form a new business....that of collecting paper.

Vic Krause started out as a famous Criminal Lawyer, but somewhere got a little confused, for he is now practicing behind bars at Sing Sing.

Don Kreiger is now "Sealtest Don," the strong man, on Sealtest Big Top.

Fabulous **Larry Lee** has just taken over Harry James' place as the world's greatest trumpet player.

Jack London and **Doug Wieda** have formed their own wrestling team and are known as the "Gruesome Twosome."

Bessie Loye has just taken over and is now editor of the Time magazine.

Marcia May is now head buyer of ladies fashions at Saks' Fifth Avenue in New York.

Bill McClaran is still coming back to Rockford and trying to find the answer on how to stay in good with his wife and still go to Revenna.

Wilbur Mull is now a general in the Salvation Army.

Barb Murray and **Judy Strickland** were rode out of town on a rail last night for disturbing the peace.

Jack Nelson at present has his own T.V. program called "The Cow's Clinic" starring Jack and his cow.

Frances Neilson has just produced his latest record, "Boom, Boom Ain't it Great to be Crazy" and "Give a Cheer."

Well, those Indians **Char Parks** is always dreaming about have finally caught up with her and are holding her captive down at Cahill's monkey cage.

Violet Platt is now running her own flower shop.... Specialist? Violets, what else?

Bev Powell is the fat lady in the Shrine Circus.

Dick Powell, ex-mayor of '53 died today of embarrassment when asked to give a speech at the Class of '53 Reunion.

Dorene Pyne has just been made captain of the cheer leaders down at West Point.

Rex Quackenbush and **Ed Wesche** are now touring the country as the world famous Toni Twins.

Barb Rice is still eating mice and telling her mother they taste nice.

Forrest Roosa is the Dean of Women down at Western College.

Bob Savage is the bouncer down at the Rockford Hotel.

Kay Seeley has just edited her new book, "The Collected and Written Jokes of Mr. Lindhout."

Sandy Sherman has just been doing art illustrations for "Little Lulu" comic books.

Pete Shier is the Don Juan of 1963.

Lois Souffrou is now married and raising little "farmerettes."

George Stanley has just recently been released from Sing Sing after serving 10 years as a result of sending in false fire alarms while at ole' Rockford High.

By pulling strings, **Janet Swartz** has made her way into the world; she has just taken over "Howdie Doodie's" T.V. program.

Ina Towers is the head coach in a boys' school now.

Bob Vander Jagt is still in the hospital recovering from the fact that he graduated.

Norma VanDyke is now married and part owner of that notorious restaurant, "Jim's Dive."

Norm Visser has "boxed" his way to fame and is now working at Gordon Cartons.

Well it's 1963 and **Patti Watson** is still down at Western searching high and low for that mysterious Bob.

Congratulations to **Janet West** Basset on the arrival of her seventh baby boy.

Tom Wilson has finally made use of his dainty feet and is the prima ballerina in the Grand Rapids Civic.

Mel and **Maurice Wood** have taken over station WOOD and are now specializing in Hillbilly music.

Dick Wood died last night after drinking some of his home brewed "Wood" alcohol.

Barbs Young has defeated "Willy Hoppy" for the title of World Champion Pool Player.

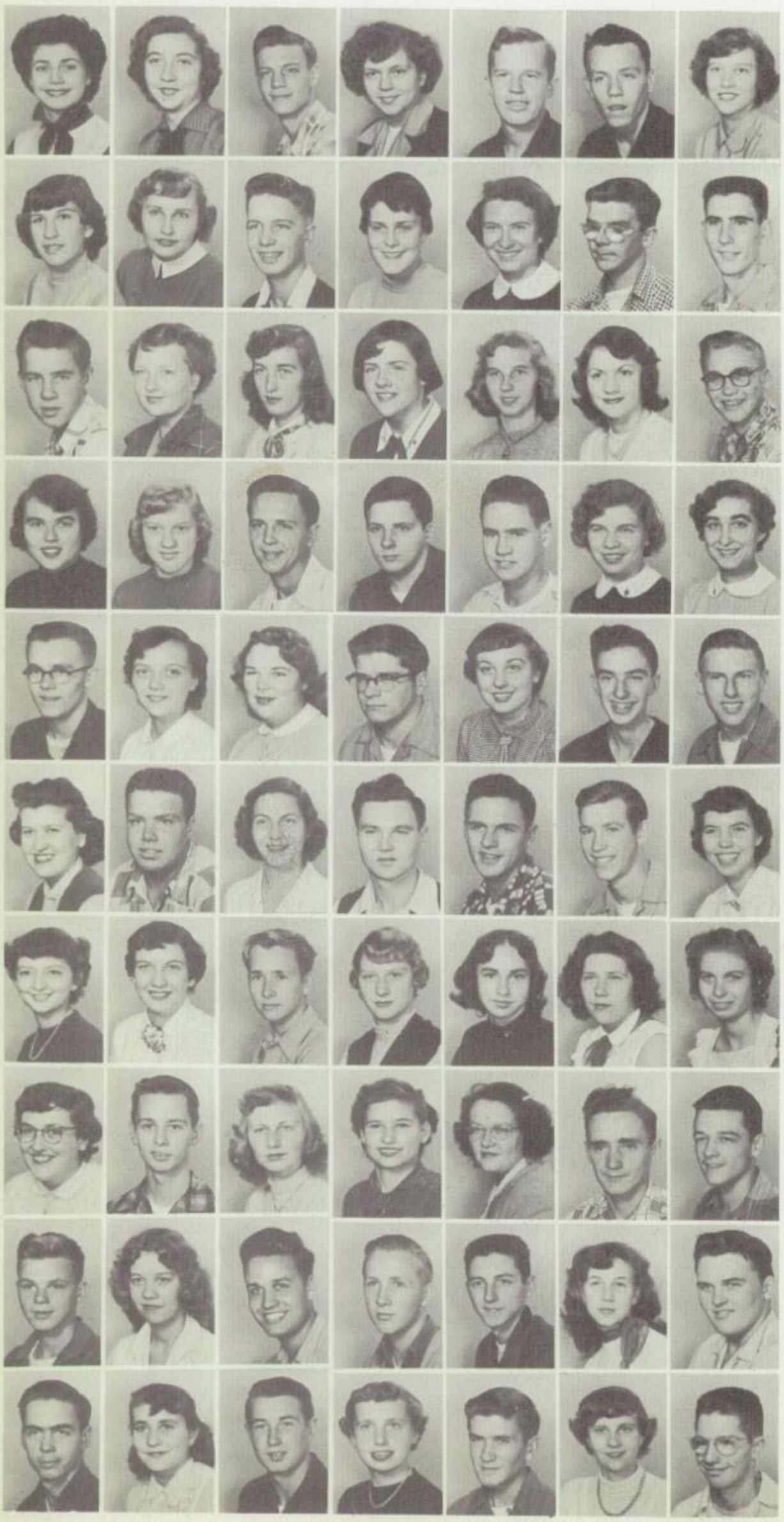
Janica Zuck is assistant chemist to Mr. Fig down at the local disposal plant.

Don Keeling wills his unruly lock of hair to some Junior with a brush cut.

UNDERGRADUATES

. . . the citizens acting as constituents back home.

Juniors



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Robert Cavner
Larry Chrisman
Ila Christensen
JoAnn Cole
Anne Cox
JoAn Davis
Sandra Day
Jerry DeMaagd
Jean DenBraber
Hermina Feikema
Ronald Fisk
Jerry Ford
Dick Fowle
Patricia Frye
Janet Goble
Jack Gross
Gwen Hardie
Esther Herrington
Ken Houlihan
Barbara House
David Ingraham
Dwain Johnson
Ruth Johnson
David Kruizenga
Maureen Lair
Russel Lichnovsky
Warren Lilley
Jerry London
Evelyn Lundin
Joan Lynch
Patricia Mann
Ronald Matson
Mary Jo McCabe
Eleanor McFall
Virginia Miller
Leta Mitchell
Gwen Northouse
Bob Novak
Kathryn Oosterheert
Dona Papke
Joy Parrish
Dick Peterman
Ken Ploeg
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Barbara Ray
Basil Ray
Dan Reed
Richard Regal
Joyce Salyer
Ben Seeley
Joe Shear
Dawn Shearer
Larry Squires
Carol Starr
Wayne Stinson
Marilyn Stone
Ivan Streeter

William Switzer
Karen Tompsett
Joan VandenBosch
Helen Visser
Claudette Warner
Marvin Winegar
Patricia Wooden

Bertha Young

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Berdena Feikema
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Barbara Knopf
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Sophomores

Margaret Addison
Donna Anderson
Robert Anderson
Donna Ashley
Suzanne Baribeau
Donald Becker
Susie Beintum

Millie Bell
Joyce Berends
Carole Birman
Sharon Bye
Lillian Callen
Marilyn Case
Patricia Clark

Paul Coykendall
Dudley Cox
Warren Crum
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Paul Elerick
Karen Fosburg
Elizabeth Gedritis
Marcella Gedritis
Robert Gedritis
Virginia Gill

Carroll Graves
Kent Graves
Sharon Graves
Gerald Hoekstra
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Russell Lee
Donald Magoon

Marilyn Matthews
Barbara May
Gail McClure
Carol Mellema
Ronald Miller
Novia Muir
Harold Munsell

Marian Nardin
Mike Neuhaus
Ruth Nielsen
William Oldenkamp
Richard Otterbacher
Shirley Pennington
Charlene Pfeiffer

Joyce Powell
Jack Randall
Johanna Ray
Lorna Richardson
Barbara Rose
Norma Ryan
Shirley Switzer

Joyce Totten
Eleanor VanderJagt
James Vredenburg
David Waid
Lois Wainright
Patsy Warren
Jackie Wesche
Carolyn White
Barbara Wilson
Louise Wood
Sally Wright
Gloria Zarbock

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Larry Baines
Judy Birman
Thomas Boylon
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James DeKubber
Larry Dreger
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Ronald Heclo
Frank Hoekstra
Doris Hulett
Judith Johnson
Robert Lusk
Doris Marsh
Stephen Mazei
Robert Noorthoek
Lyle Pettit
Duane Ryan
Hal Skinner
Randy Smith
Edwin Towers
James Wildey
John Willard

Freshmen

Harold Ackerman
Richard Barnes
Donald Bartholomy
David Bateman
James Beckett
Eugene Berg
Carolyn Beukema
Dan Burns
David Carlson
Paul Carpenter
Bonnie Cavanaugh
Gail Cobb
Leona Crissman
Stanley Crissman
Shirley Dorais
Danny Dunn
Dorine Durfee
Jackie Eggleston
Sharon Ek
George Elerick
Don Engler
Joan Hoard
Lois House
Roger Hulett
Bill Jones
Evelyn Jost
Edward Keiser
Marlene Klein
Ioma Blakeslee
Leslie Bloomfield
Raymond Bourne
Willis Bradley
Walter Brimmer
Douglas Brownyard
Ronnald Burch
Glenna Crist
Virginia Dakens
Edith DeKubber
Jane DeRegnacourt
Mary Ann Deyo
James Dickerson
Sandra Dodgson
Donahue Feikema
Nancy Funk
Kenneth Gager
Melcolm Glass
Mildred Grey
Tom Gross
Jean Hall

Joan Klingaman
Kenneth Kyburz
Dorothy Langridge
Delora Lundin
Donna Martin
James Mathieu
Jon Mazei

Diane Miller
Richard Modezelski
Gordon Mosher
Ethel Mullin
Ann Nelson
Frank Neuhaus
Barbara Nixon

Alice Norton
Violet Orcutt
Pat Otterbacker
Gerry Petersen
Ken Petersen
David Platt
James Plumb

Mary Ellen Post
Jack Powell
Leon Powell
Henrietta Reed
Margorie Richards
John Riley
Charlene Rose

Shirley Rose
Arlene Schade
Robert Scott
Linda Schillinger
Retha Simonis
Gerald Smith
Anne Spencer

Sharon Squires
Joyce Stone
William Streeter
Edward Schwartz
Connie Sweat
Warren Tanner
Jerry Teesdale

Delilah Toohey
Robert Tucker
Jerome Vandenberg
Paul VanderMay
Clark Vredenberg
Joy Warren
Margie Wheeler

Larry Wieda
Barbara Wood

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Roger Miller
Fred Souffrou
Anne Marie Starr

Eighth Grade

Judy Adams
Bonnie Baker
Dan Barker
Mary Batterton

Judy Bennett
Donna Brodowski
Glenda Chrisman
Marlin Christensen

Kaye Davis
Mary Dines
Jack Eggleston
Jim Farmer

Nancy Ferrand
Nancy Fisher
Sharon Fowle
Joan Guenther

Marie Gould
Jerry House
Marianne Hutchings
Gary Ingraham

Bruce Johnson
Beth Knopf
John Krause
Carol Lee

Elwin Lillie
Richard London
Katy Morrison
Margaret Muste

John Oom
Mike Otterbacher
Charles Parks
Jerold Patterson

Jayne Plambeck
Gordon Ploeg
Ronald Pyne
Judy Randall

Roger Stinson
Gloria Stuthard
John Stuthard
Judith Stuthard

Richard Thompson
Richard Wesche
Audlane Whittall
Nancy Whittall

Harold Wondergem

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Joan Mason

Seventh Grade

Gene Ashley
Joan Ashley
Jud Barker
Don Bixby

Vera Blakeslee
Ronnie Blossom
Elaine Bourne
John Buckingham

Joan Carpenter
Charles Carpenter
David Cook
Judy Crissman

Jerry Davis
Patsy De Cator
Patricia DeMaagd
Bradford DeVries

Leslie Dikerson
Carl Dines
Ione Disbrow
Mary Ann Drummond

Lois Jean Ellens
Timothy Farmer
Carol Follick
Sally Jean Gray

Sally Guenther
Virginia Hunting
Barbara Jorgenson
Florence Keiser

Kay Kellogg
Karen McBride
Fred Kyburz
Margie Livingston

Skip Marcott
Melvyn May
Carolyn McIntyre
Virginia Mills

Dean Morehouse
Jeness Newcombe
Jean Paepke
John Pollack

Maxine Richards
Mary Sue Robe
Marvel Schade
Jon Sluys

Jean Smith
Joyce Spinner
James Squires
Jack Stegenga

James Stuthard
Diane Uren
Ralph Wallen
Marshall Wondergem

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Sandra Wood
Roger Wright
John Zuck

Sherry Daning
Judy Gill
Ruth Kreiger

Last Will and Testament

Carl Adams leaves his wavy hair to Bob Cavner.

Louise Allen bequeaths her treasure of cheerleading "yells" to Donna Papke.

Sharon Allersma leaves her literary ability to Jerry London.

Barbara Ammerman leaves to get married.

Jack Bartholomy leaves his red hair to anyone who will take it.

Gordon Becker bequeaths his library duties to Jerry DeMaagd.

Barbara Beintum leaves her vivid imagination to Mildred Jost.

Margaret Bell bequeaths her soprano voice to Claudette Warner.

Jack Bloomfield leaves his "way with women" to Tom Mathieu.

Dick Brantner wills his athletic ability to Wayne Stinson.

Theresa Brodowski leaves her sweetness to Larry Crissman.

Shirley Brownyard leaves her energizing bottle of "Had O Call" to Shirley Barker.

Robert Burnett leaves R. H. S. after being drafted.

Shirlee Callis leaves her flirty ways to Hermina and Berdena Fiekema.

Dennis Callen leaves his quietness to Marv Winegar.

Susan Chaffee leaves the "maniac part" to the next lucky person who plays in Jane Eyre.

Shirlie Civils leaves her cute petitness to Harold Baily.

Clarence Commee wills his collection of funny books to Helen Visser.

Gary Conant leaves his permanent coffee time pass to Marilyn Stone.

Shirley Crystal wills her height to Ken Ploeg.

Roger DenBraber leaves his "magic" arrangement of "Bumble Boogie" to Ann Cox.

Joan Deyo wills her baton to Ila Christensen.

Bing Downer leaves his favorite pastime of "horsin" around to Leo Byrnes.

Eva Dryer wills all of her boy friends to Judy Brown.

Fritz Eby leaves his technique in debate to Carol Starr.

Bob Ericksen wills his brush cut to Warren Lilley.

Bob Harris wills his pitcher's mit to Bill Switzer.

Margie Houtman leaves her magic paint brush to Basil Ray.

Max Ingraham wills his locker pinup to Janet Goble.

Marjorie Davis leaves her new hairdo to Joyce Salyer.

Marilyn Kitson leaves her sunny disposition and shining curls to Gene Berry.

Jim Kleinert leaves his pull in the front office to Dan Reed.

Ronald Koning leaves and joins the Air Force.

Gordon Knox leaves the paper drives to some **lucky** junior.

Vic Krause leaves his corny jokes to the next assembly commissioner.

Don Kreiger bequeaths his serious attitude to Mary Jo McCabe.

Larry Lee wills his bashful ways to Bertha Young.

Don Keeling leaves his unruly lock of hair to some Junior with a brush cut.

Leon Lockwood leaves and takes everything with him.

Jack London leaves his technique of skipping school to the junior boys.

Bessie Loye leaves the position of annual editor to some ambitious junior.

Marcia May leaves her modest ways to Pat Mann.

Bill McClaran leaves Karen to the junior boys.

Wilbur Mull leaves his shy ways to Jean DenBraber.

Barb Murray leaves her quiet ways to JoAn Davis.

Jack Nelson leaves and takes his shyness with him.

Frances Neilson leaves his freckles to Bernard Armstrong.

Eleanor Noorthoek leaves her conspicuous laugh to Joan VandenBoesch.

Charlene Parks leaves her petite little purse to Mrs. BeMent.

Violet Platt leaves her cute blush to Dawn Shearer.

Beverly Powell leaves her friendly personality to future senior girls.

Dick Powell leaves his leadership to the next mayor of R. H. S.

Dorene Pyne leaves her happy disposition to Ruth Johnson.

Rex Quackenbush leaves his school work and is glad of it.

Barb Rice leaves an awful lot of friends behind.

Forrest Roosa bequeaths his corny sense of humor to Evelyn Lundin.

Bob Savage leaves his football uniform to Ben Seeley.

Kay Seeley bestows her dimples upon JoAnne Cole.

Sandra Sherman leaves and takes her quick temper with her.

Don Shier bestows his technique of careful driving to Jerry Ford.

Doug Smith bequeaths the police force to Dick Fowle.

Lois Souffrou leaves her ability to go steady to Mareen Lair.

George Stanley wills his bad case of senioritus to Joe Shear.

Judy Strickland leaves her ready smile to Jack Gross.

Janet Swartz leaves her ability to skip school without getting caught to any daring junior.

Ina Towers leaves her favorite basketball to Ann Buckingham.

Robert VanderJagt wills his farming methods to Larry Squires.

Norma VanDyke leaves her blue eyes to Eleanor McFall.

Norm Visser bequeaths his physique to Dwain Johnson.

Pat Watson leaves her ability to get a year ahead in school in three months to Ron Matson.

Ed Wesche bequeaths his roller skating ability to David Kruizenga.

Janet West bestows her A in bookkeeping to Jo Lynch.

Douglas Wieda wills his speedy ways to Ivan Streeter.

Tom Wilson bequeaths his dainty feet to Lois Berg.

Maurice Wood leaves his slop shot in pool to Pat Frye.

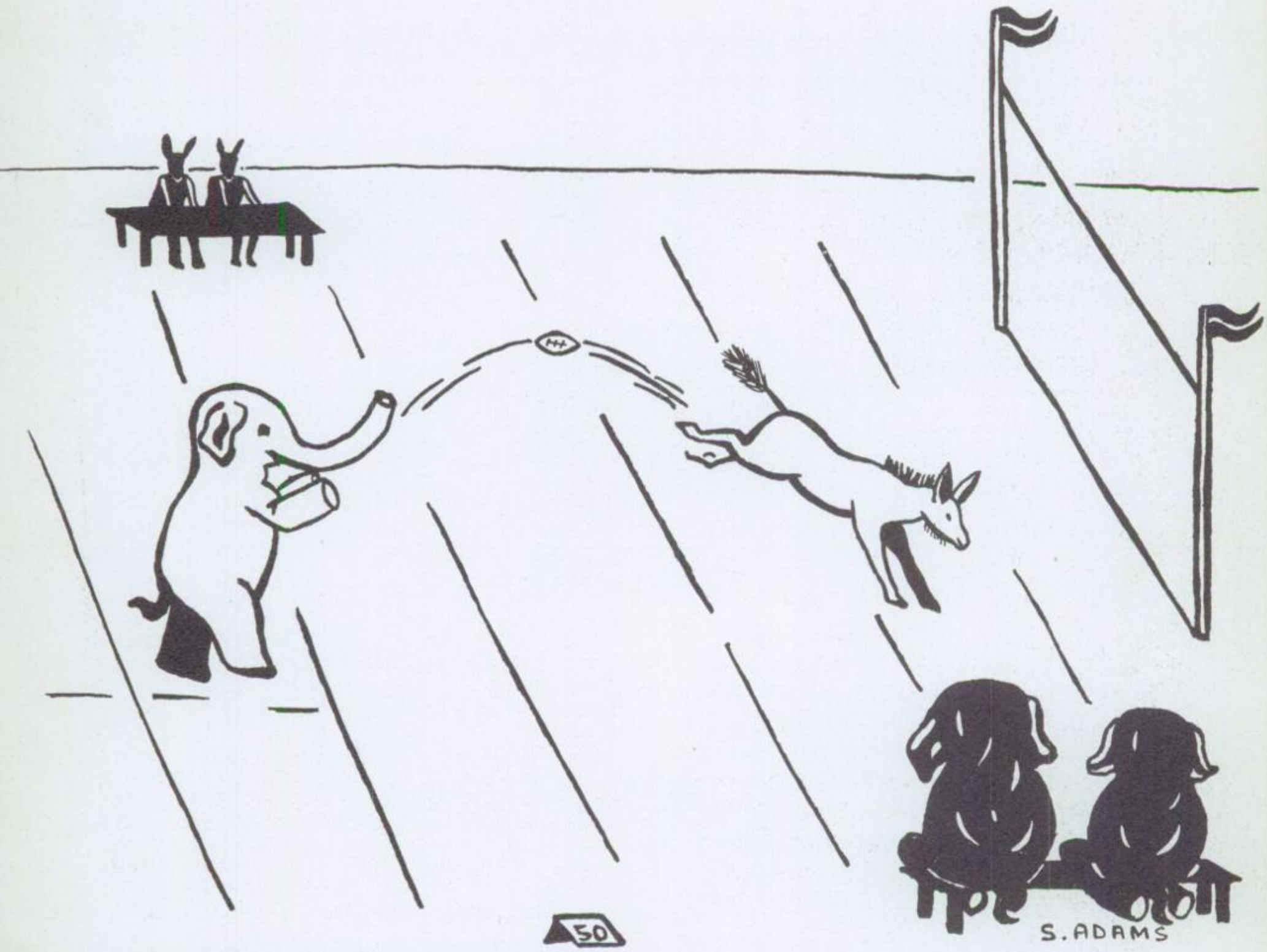
Mel Wood leaves, and Bev goes with him.

Dick Wood wills his mustache and side burns to David Ingraham.

Barb Young bequeaths her bass clarinet to Dick Sovereign.

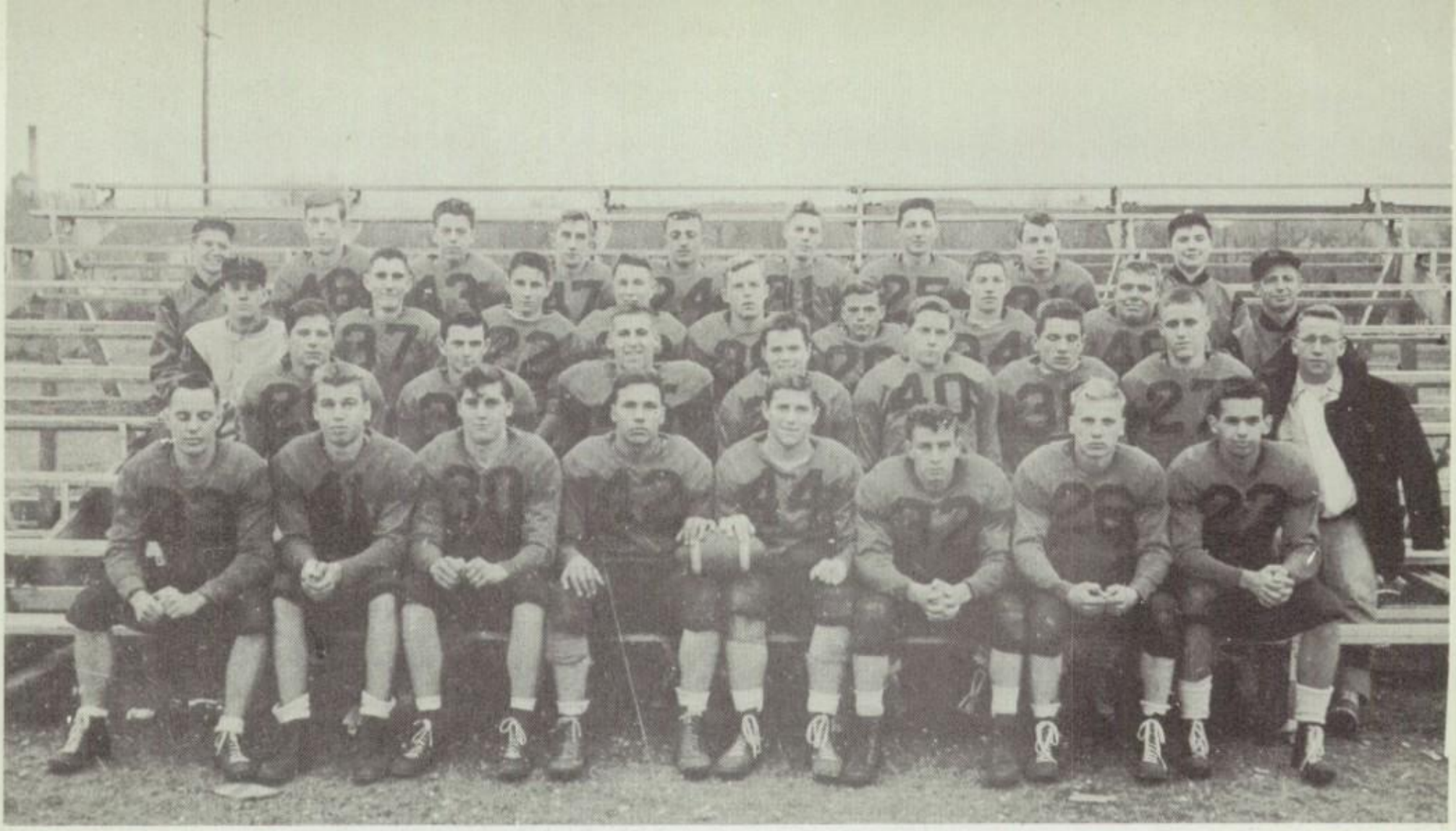
Janica Zuck wills scholastic ability to Ron Fisk.

Class of '53



SPORTS

. . . the healthy youth of the "body politic."



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Mel Wood, Fritz Eby, Leon Lockwood, Norm Visser, Bill McClaran, Gary Conant, Jack Bloomfield, Vic Krause. SECOND ROW: Dave Kruzinga, Dick Powell, Dick Brantner, Bob Savage, Jim Kleinert, Clarence Commee, Bob Harris, Bill Switzer. THIRD ROW: Coach Norris, Bob Cavner, Marv Winegar, Larry Squires, Harold Bailey, Jim Pyne, Ivan Streeter, Ken Houlihan, Coach Fox. BACK ROW: Mickey Otterbacher, Jerry London, Jim Beckett, Carroll Graves, Bob Gedritis, Bernard Armstrong, Richard Regal, Gary Baldwin, Gary Ingraham.

Football

The past season Coaches Vern Norris and Jerry Fox were greeted by twenty-seven boys, of which seventeen were lettermen of last year's ball club. Many days before school started in September, the fellows were out on the field, getting into condition for the big schedule of games ahead. Getting into the swing of things, they began to show a marked determination for victory. Through a lot of sweat, hard work, and that "fighting spirit," they came up as one of Rockford's strongest teams in history. Not only did the team finish second in the Grand Valley Conference, but it was sixth in the state ratings. They placed eight men on the various all-conference teams, two feats Coaches Norris and Fox can look back on with pride. In the first game of the year the Rams scored thirty-two points over Comstock's six. They then proceeded to defeat Lee and Sparta. Then came their first and only defeat by Godwin, Conference Champions, 9-6. In this battle, it was acclaimed that the Ram's defense was the strongest ever seen in Valley play. After the Godwin game, Rockford came back to trounce Grandville, 37-13. Then, for the first time in seven years, our team defeated East G. R., 32-10 in one of the most thrilling games of the year. After East, Wyoming and Lowell fell before the Rams. The season ended with our team averaging over twenty-eight points a game to the opponent's twelve.

Louise Allen—Cheerleader

Although fourteen of the boys will be graduating, next season still has a bright look with numerous lettermen returning and a host of second teamers coming up to help.

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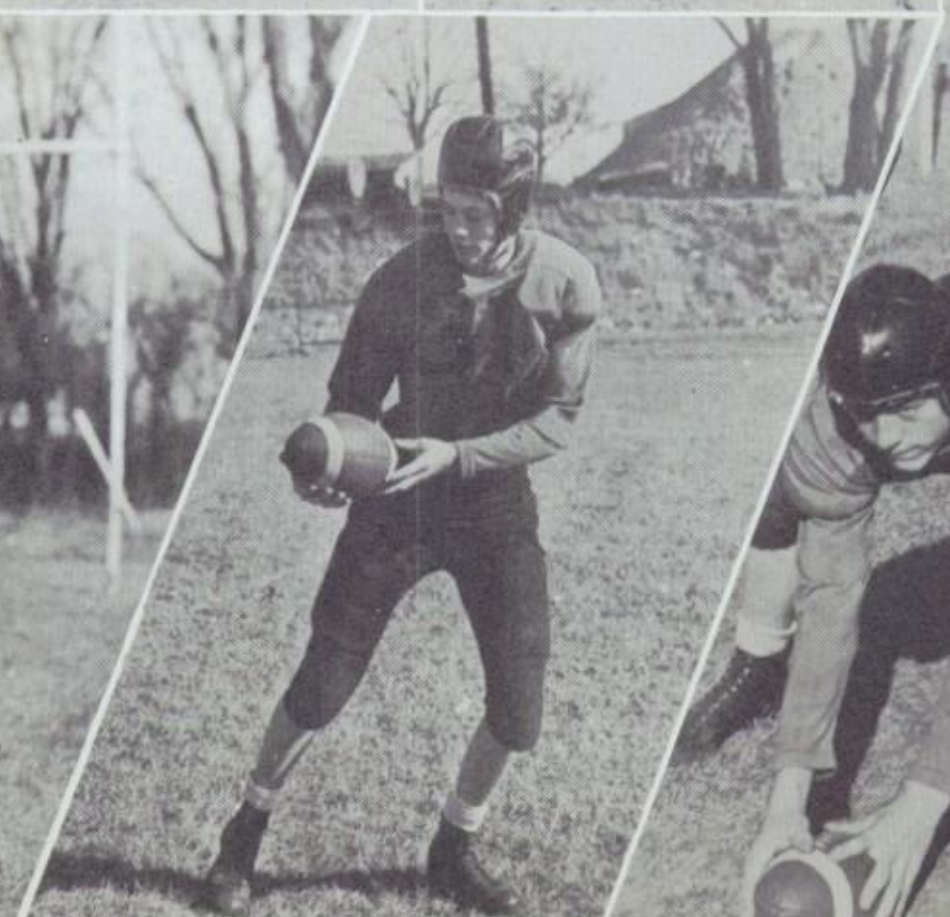

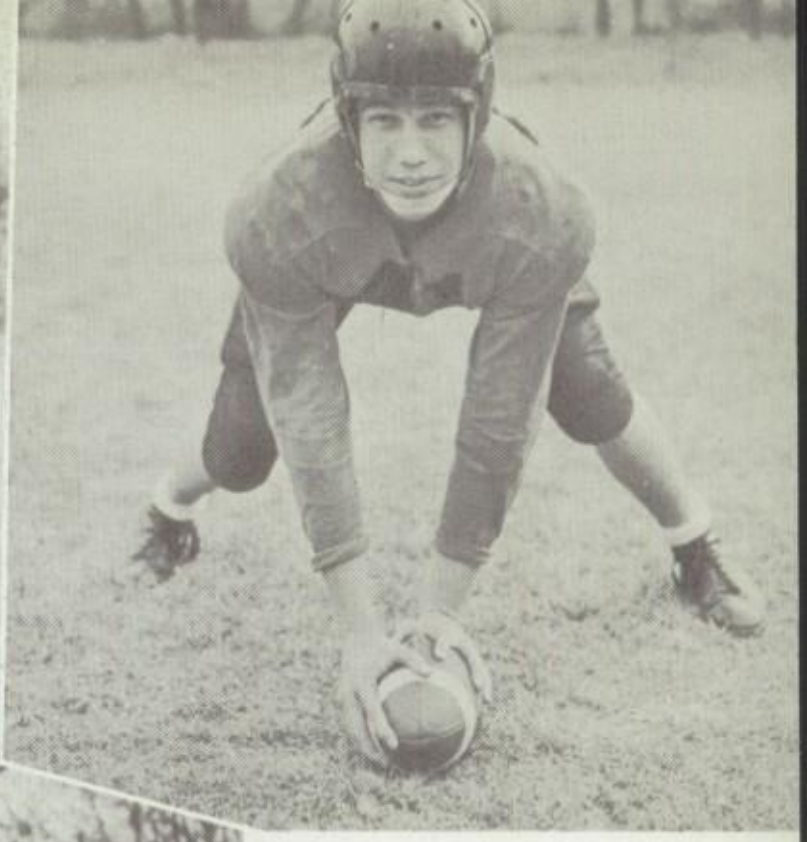

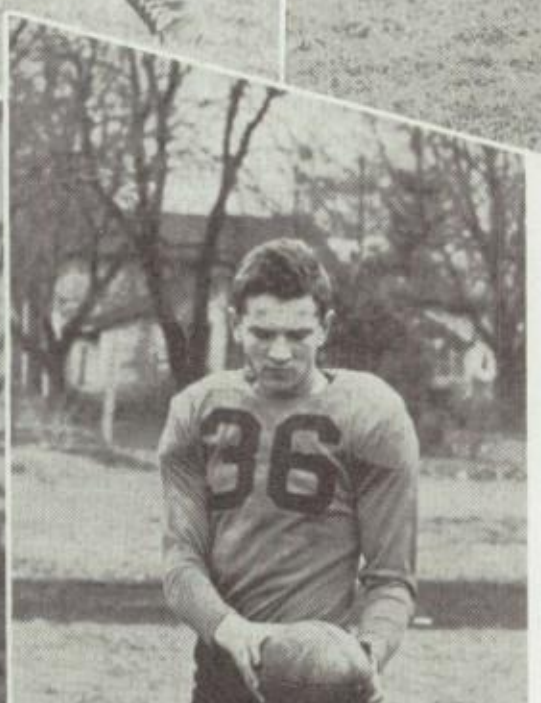

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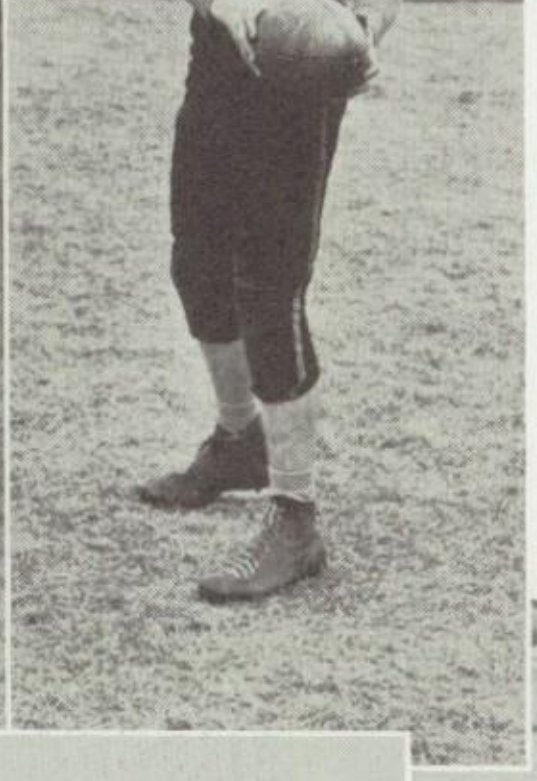

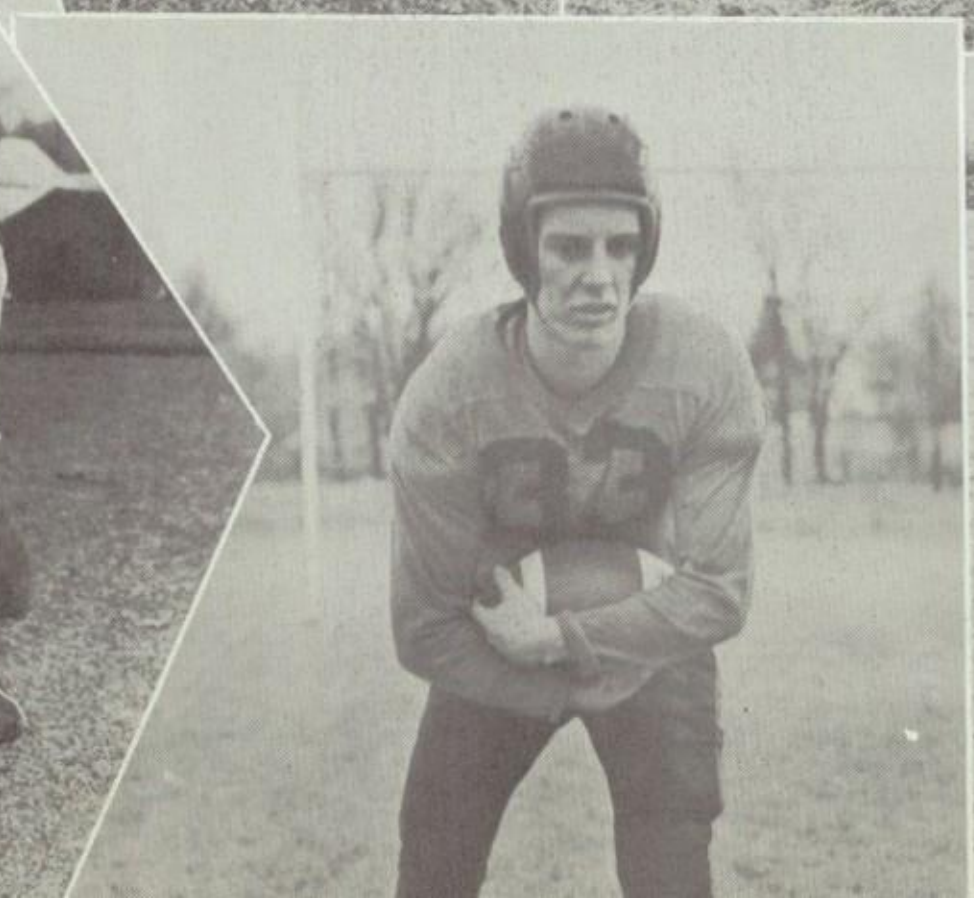

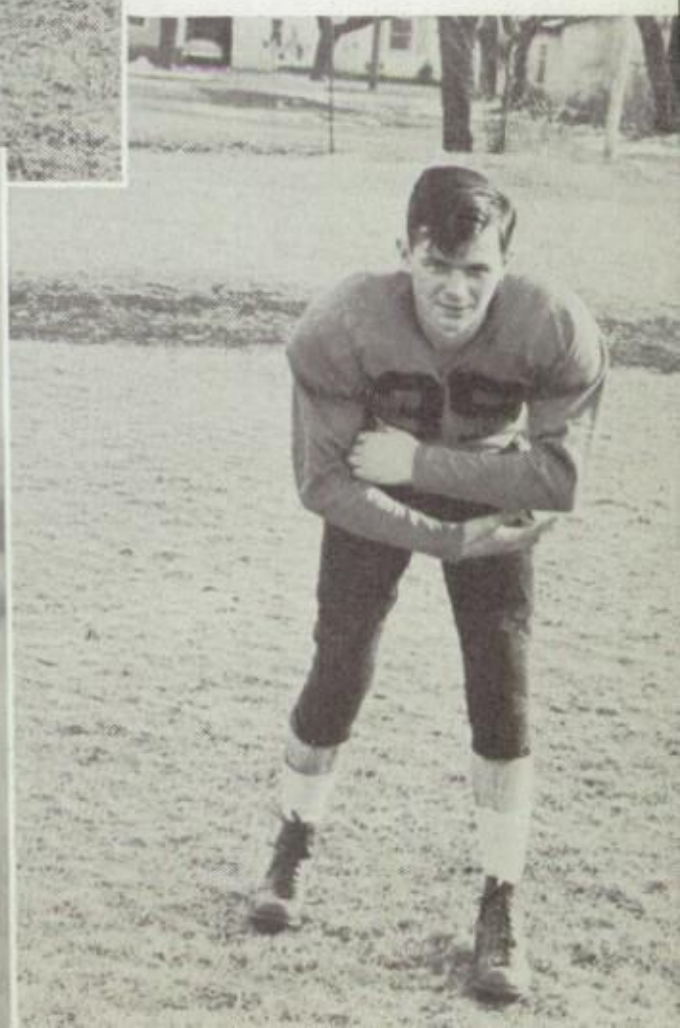

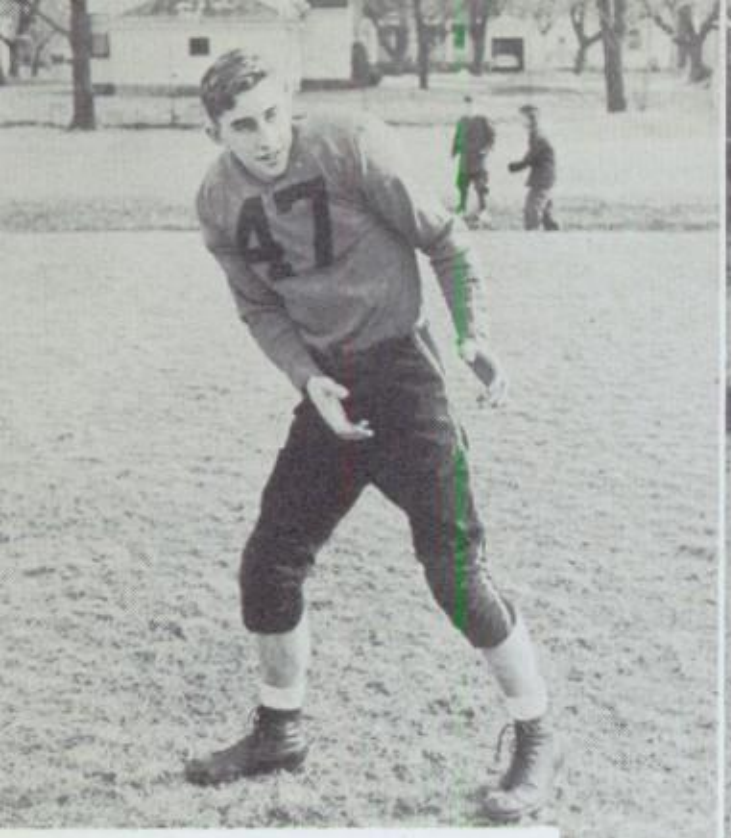

SCORES

Comstock	6
Lee	6
Sparta	18
Godwin	9
Grandville	13
East G. R.	10
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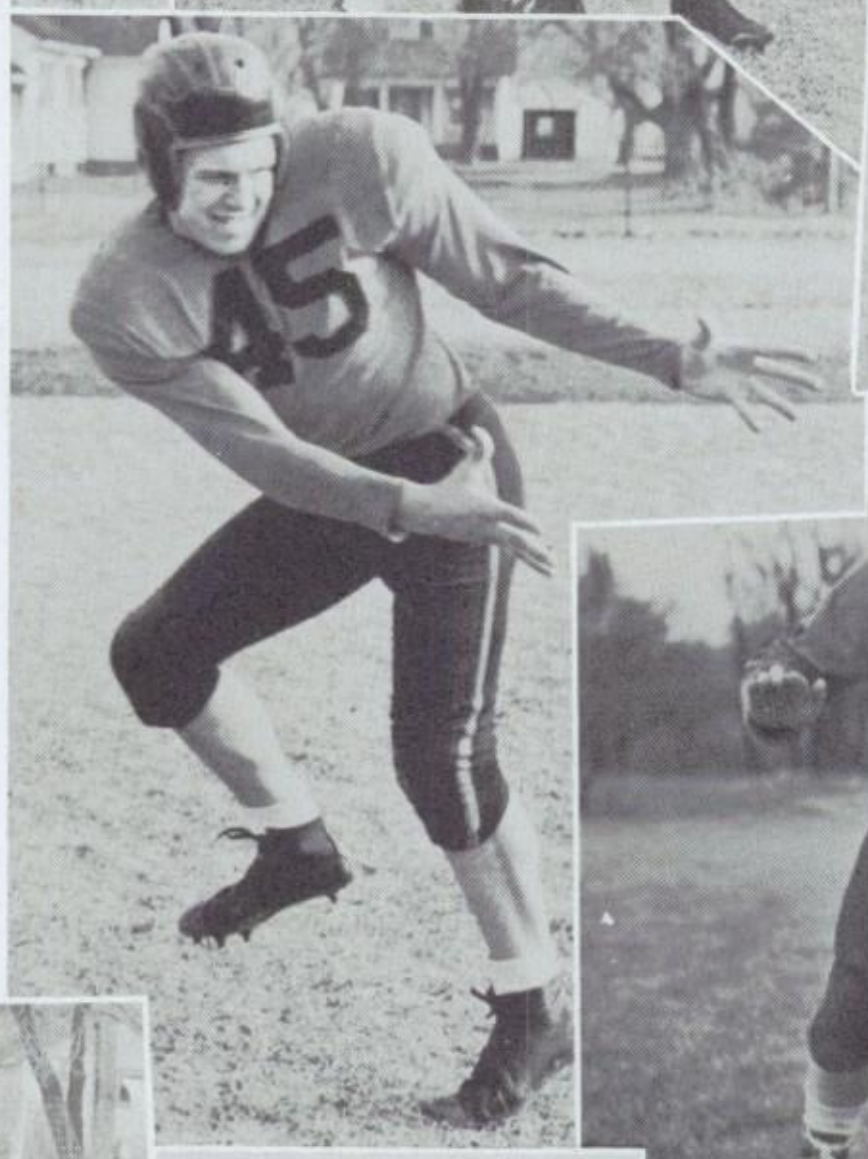

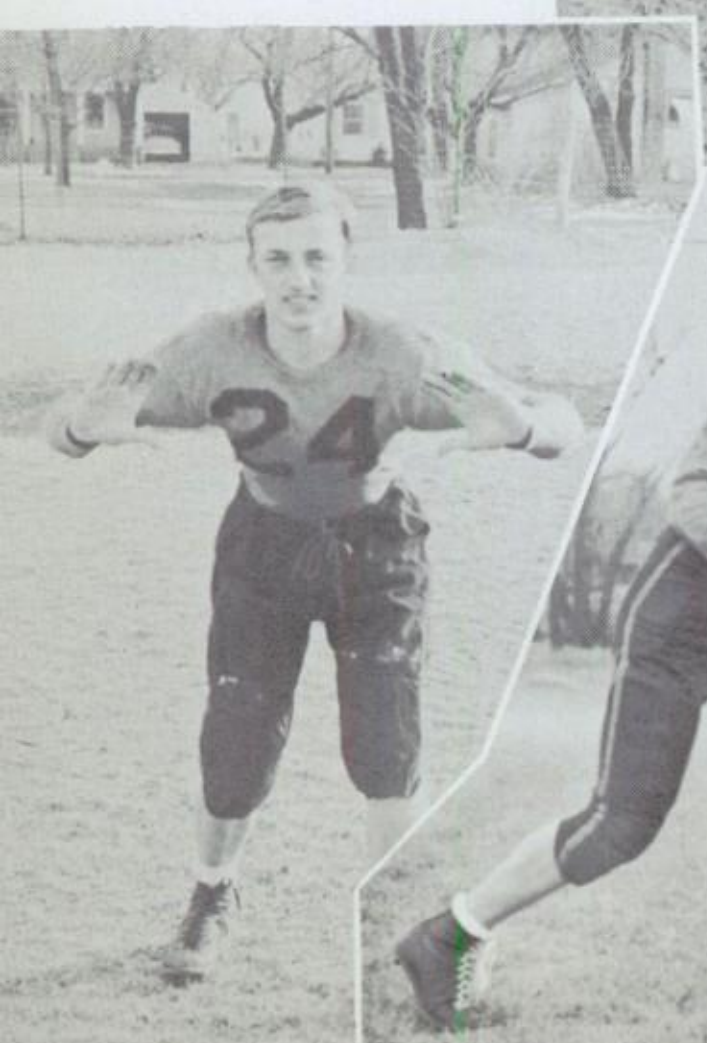

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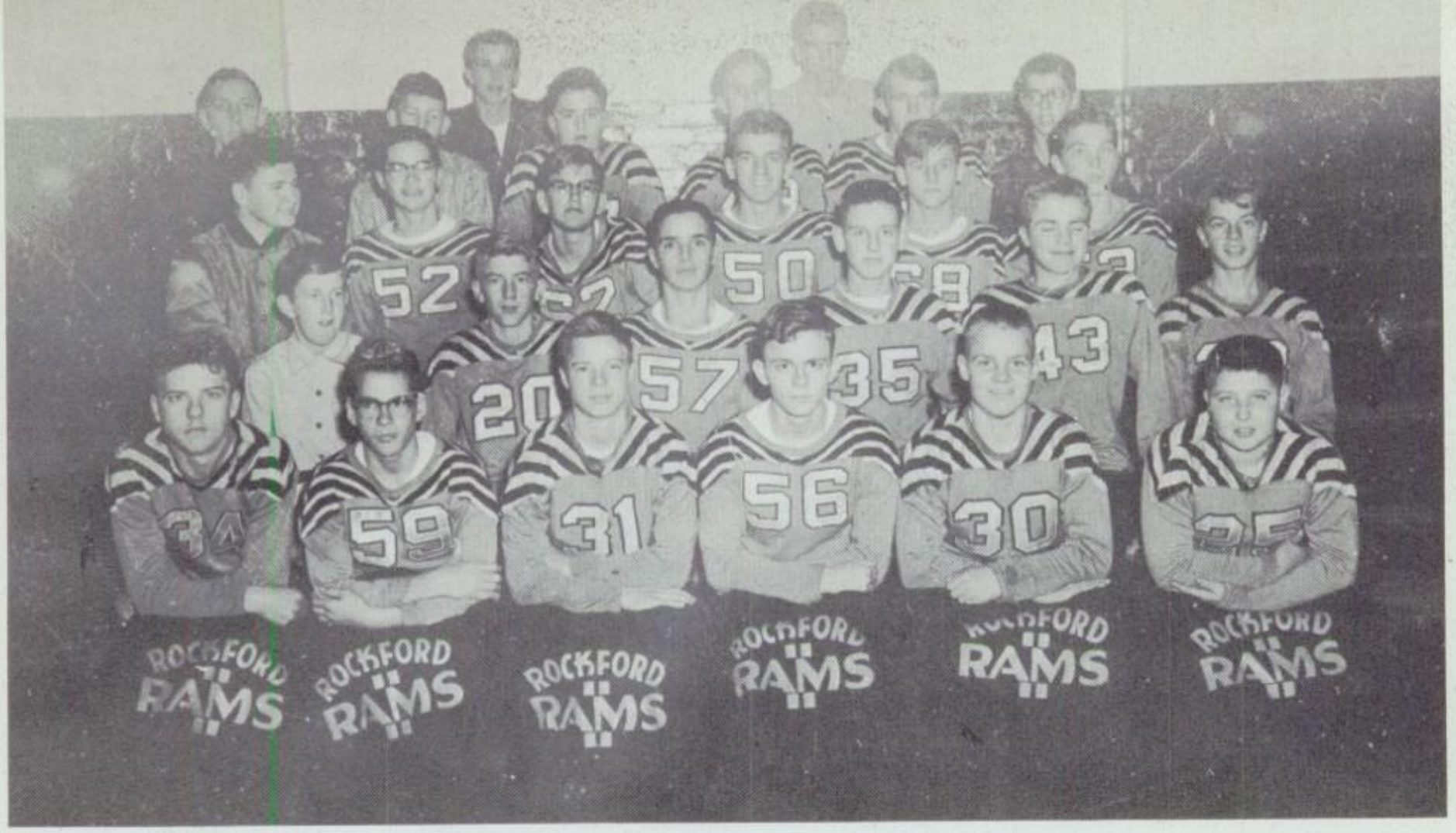

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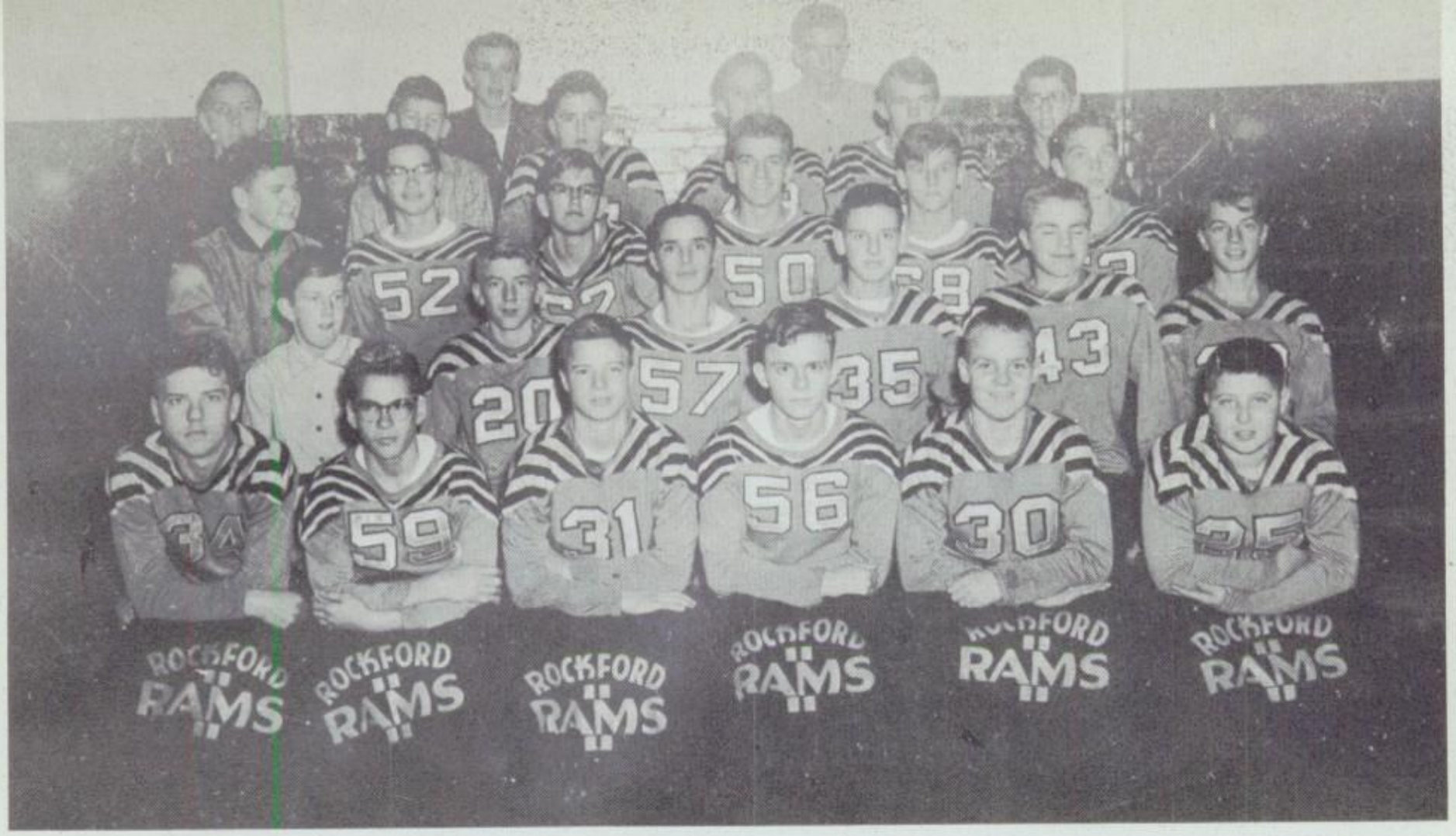

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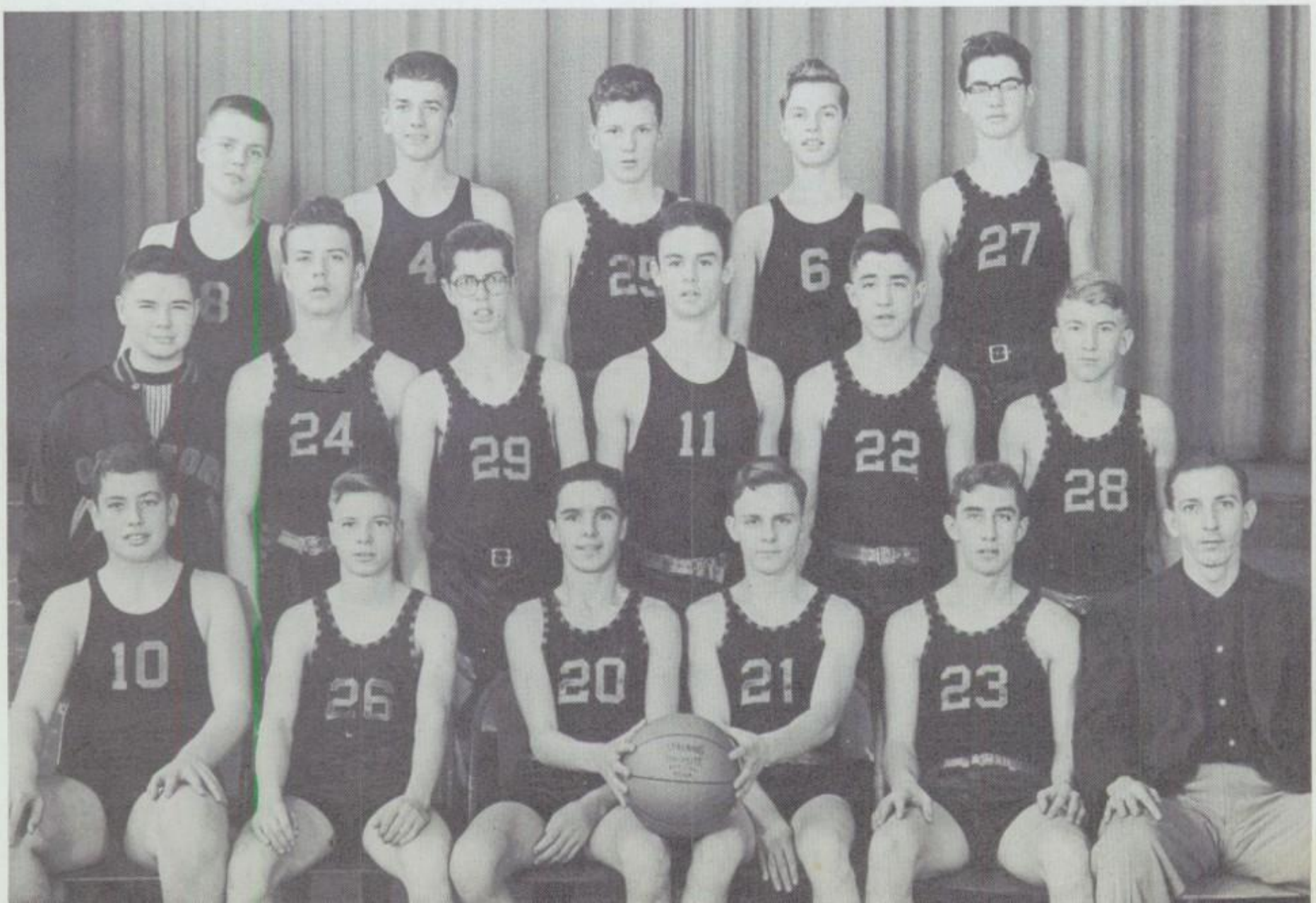

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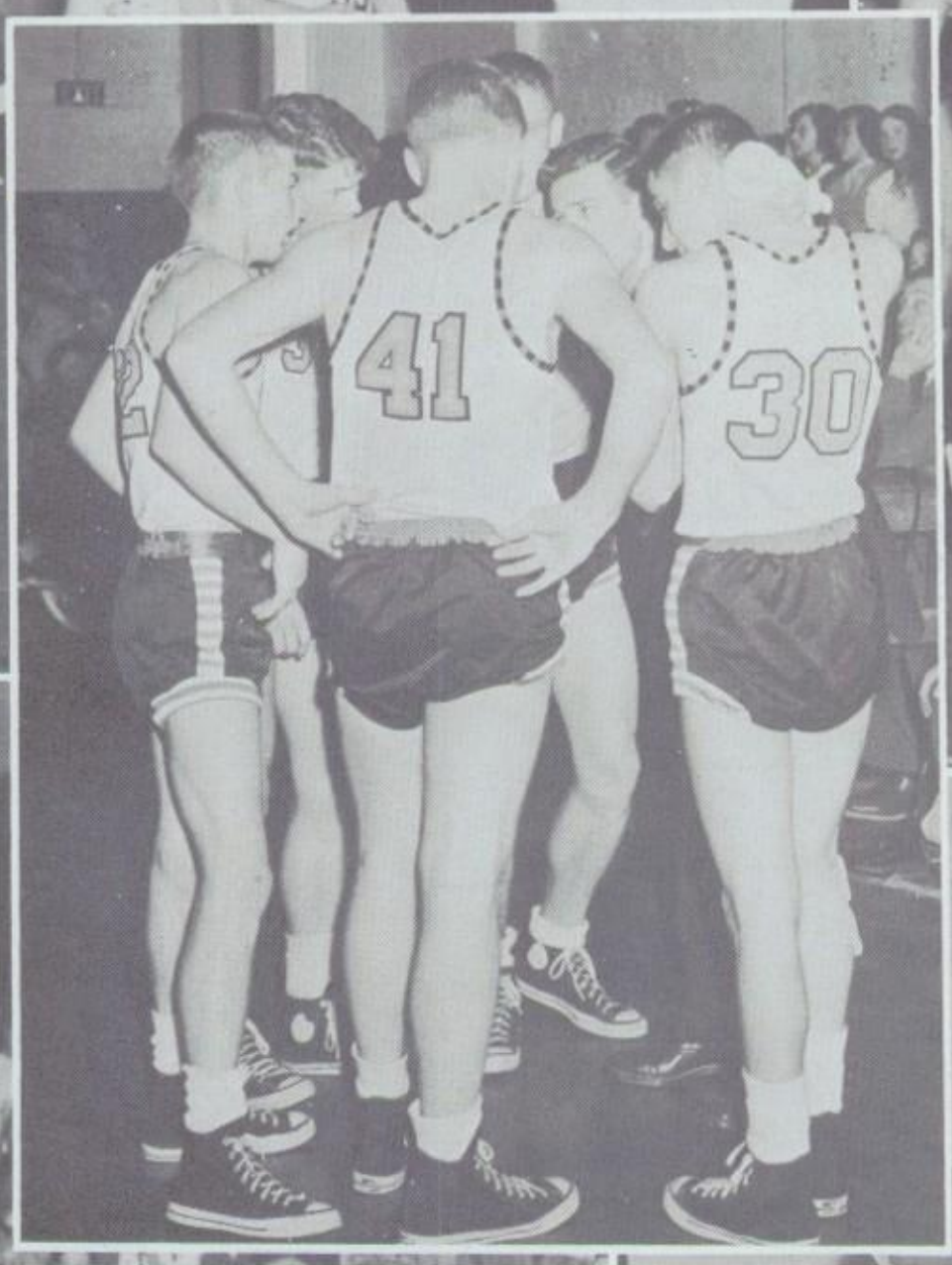
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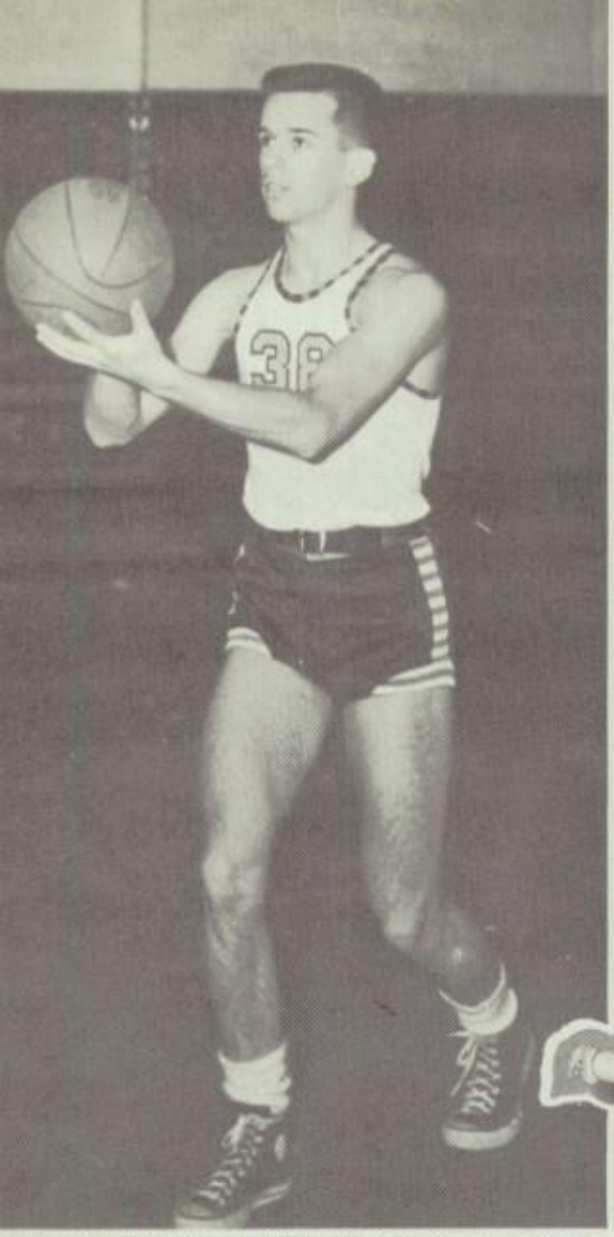

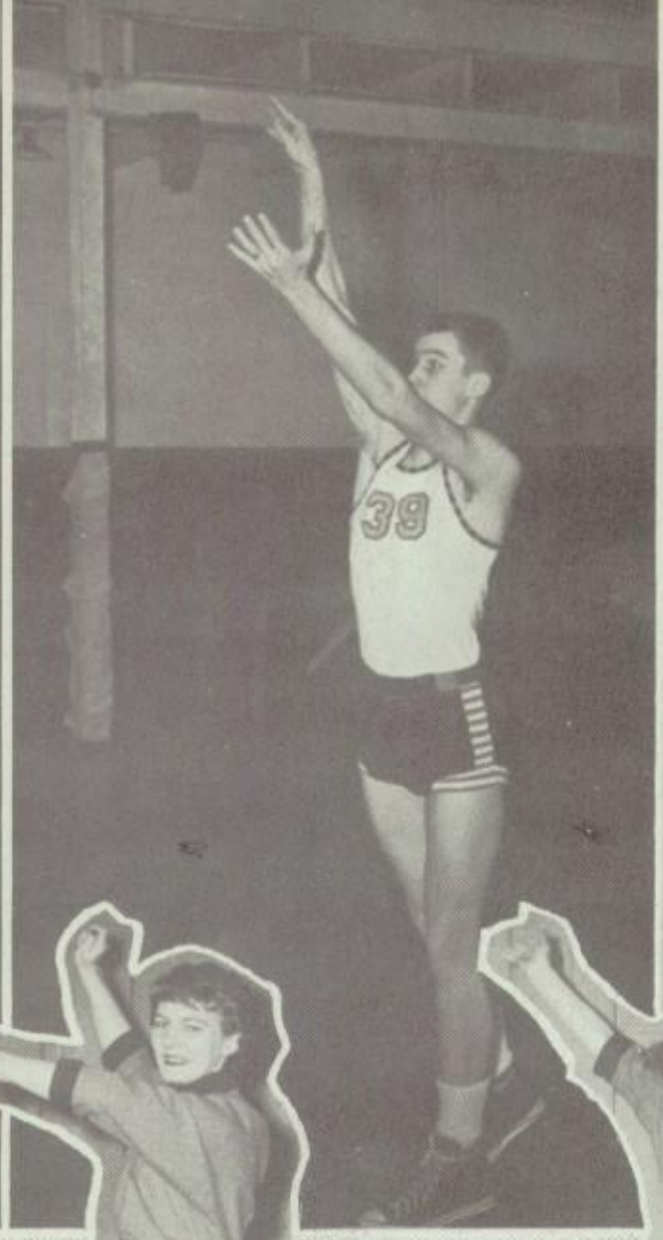

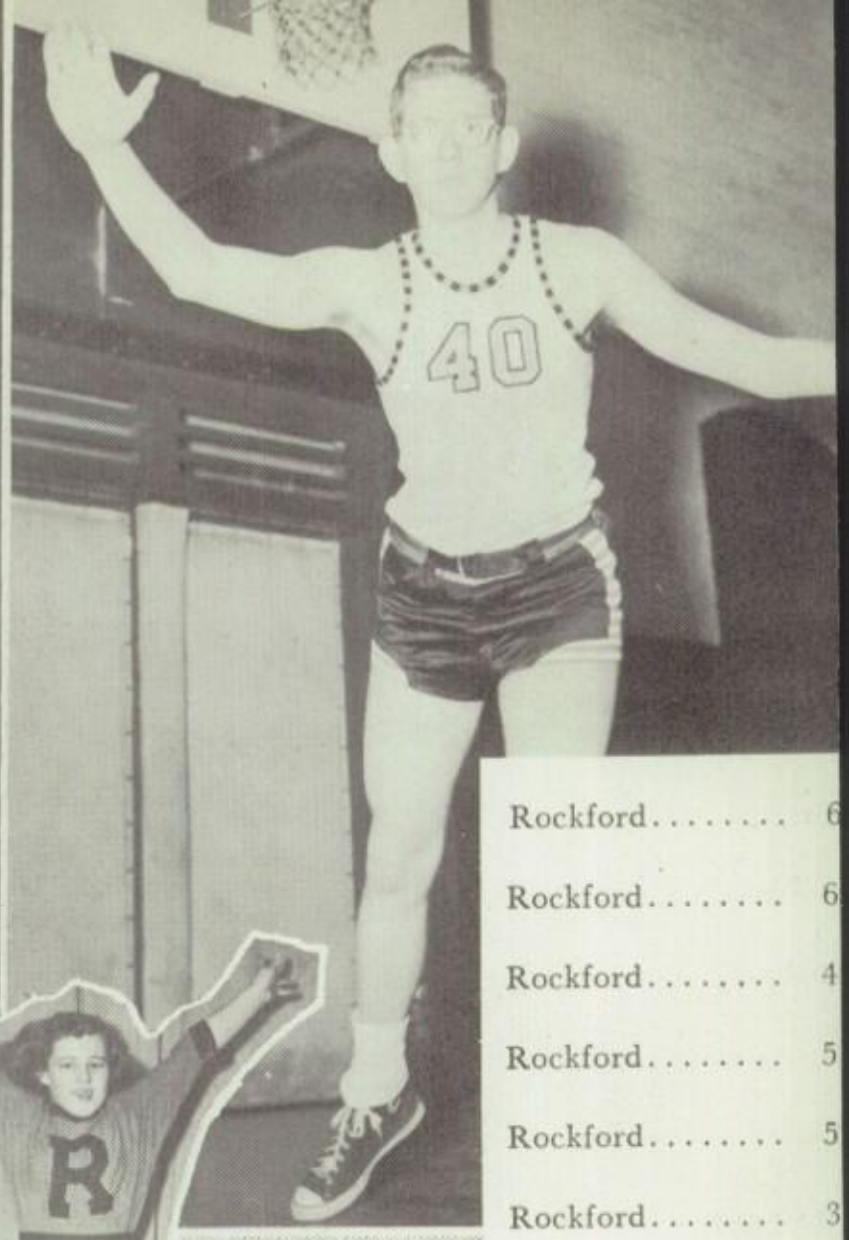

Patti Watson—Cheerleader

Norma Ryan—Cheerleader

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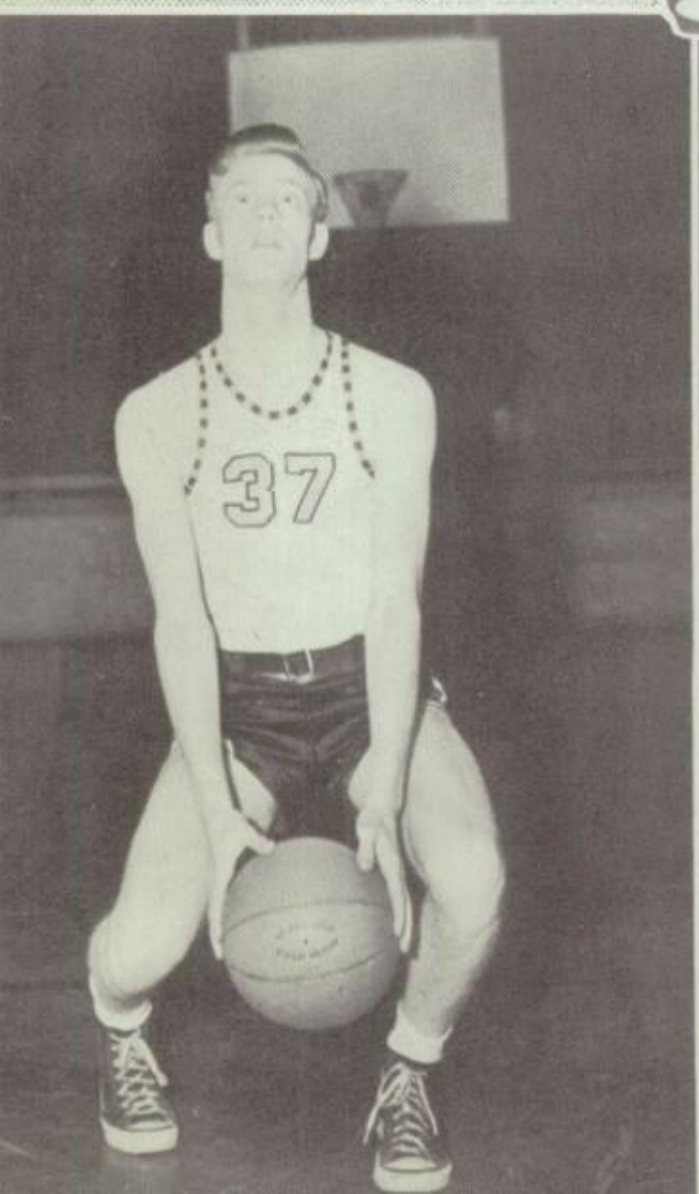

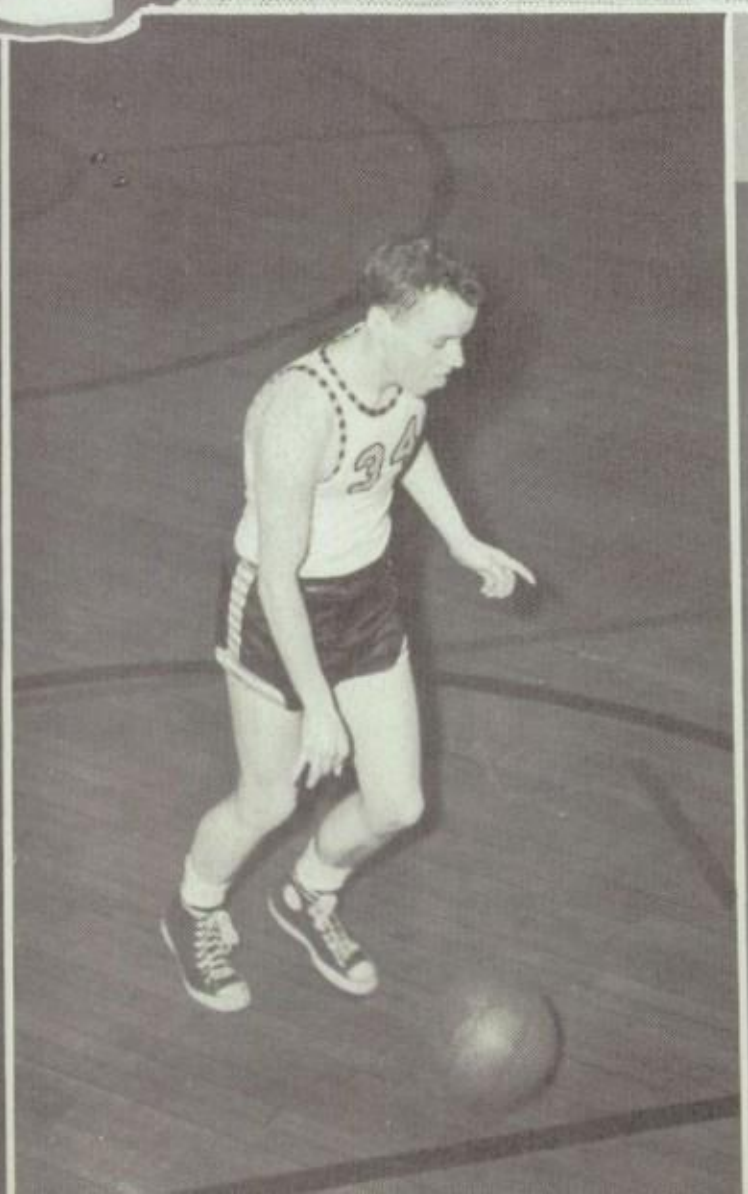

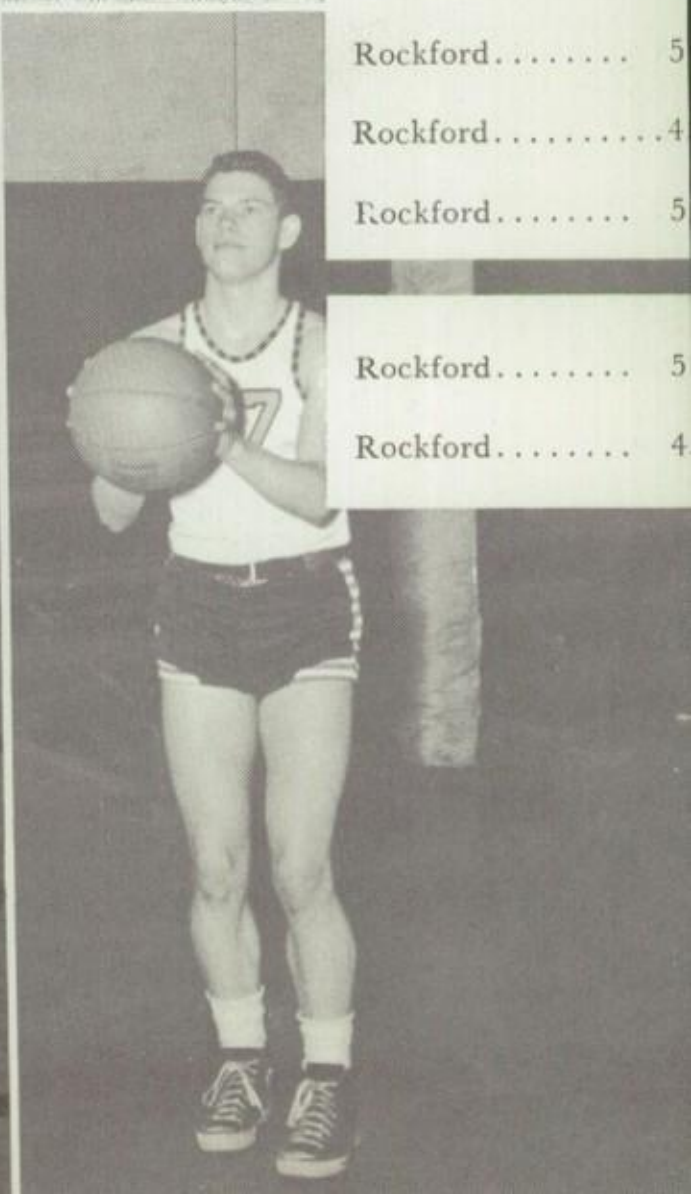

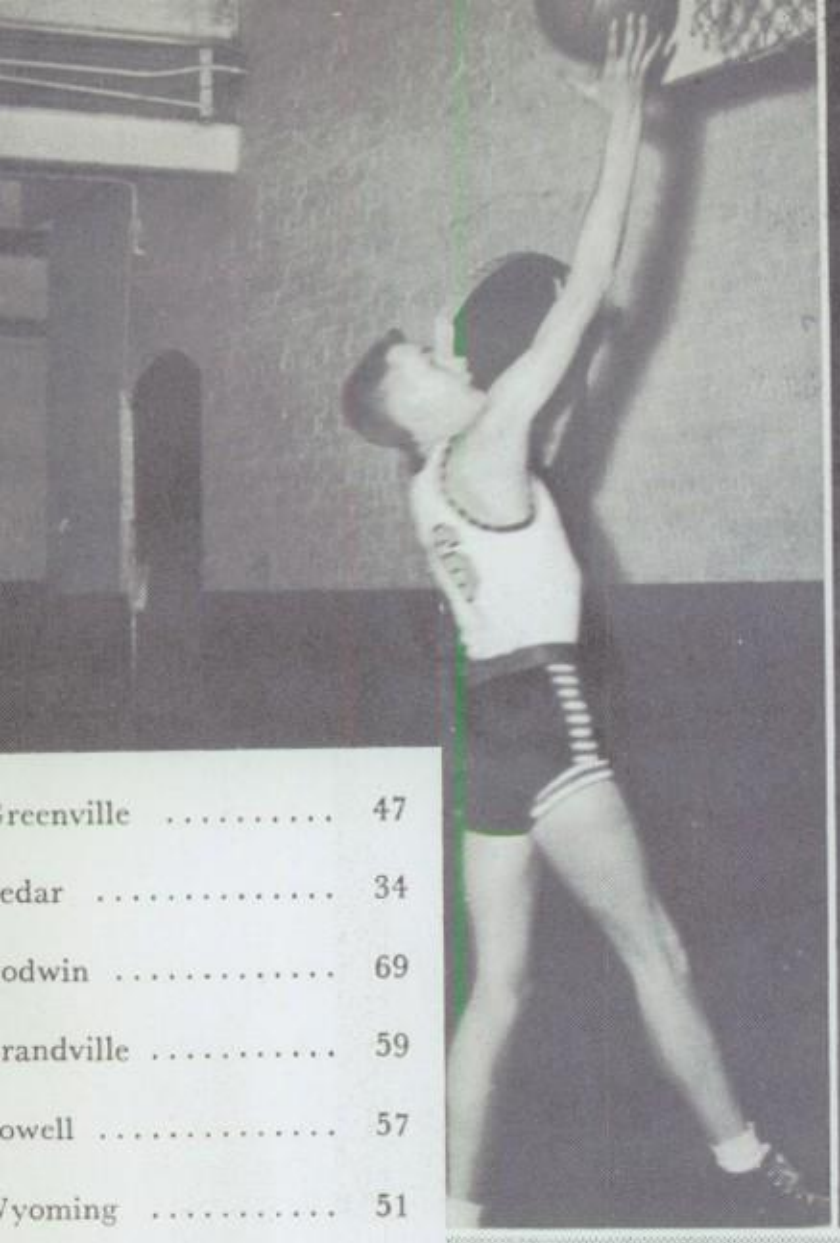

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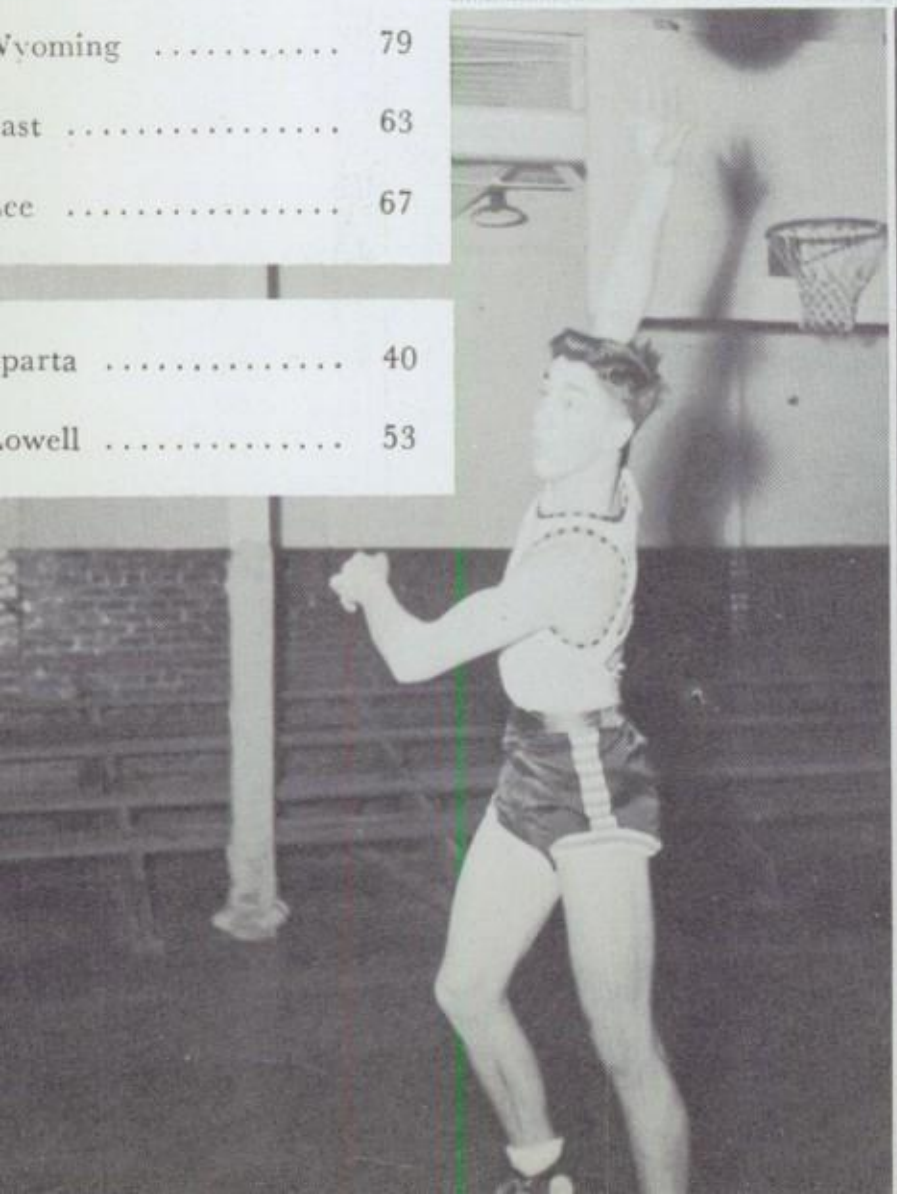
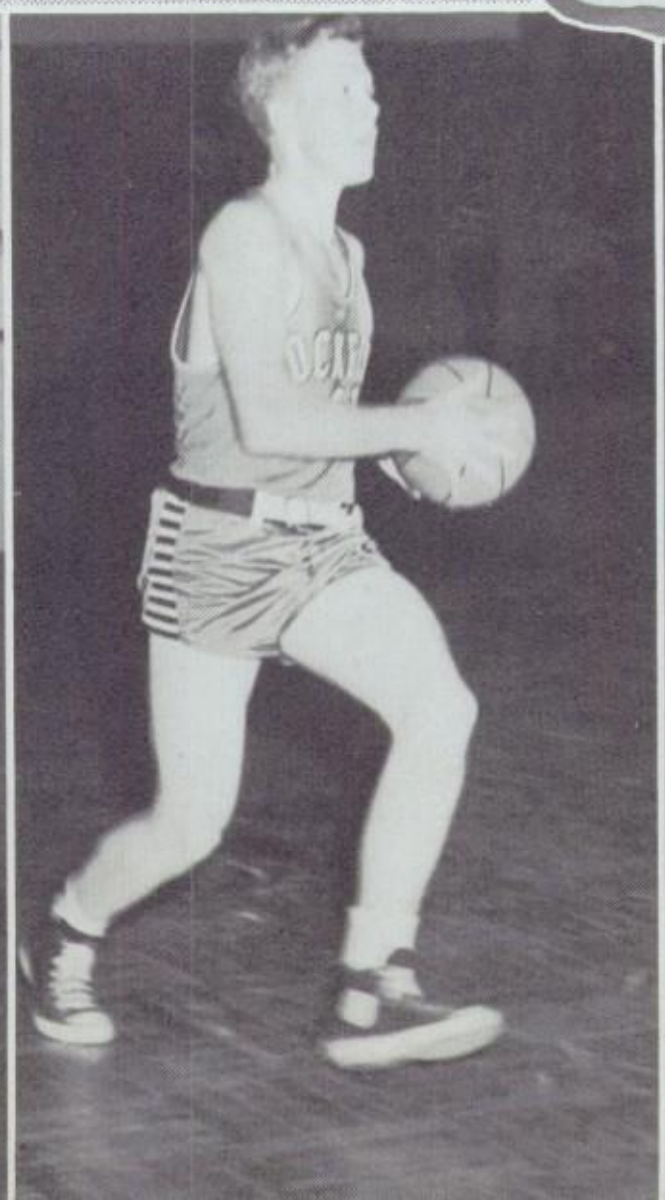
Dorene Pyne—Cheerleader





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Spring Sports

Baseball

Track

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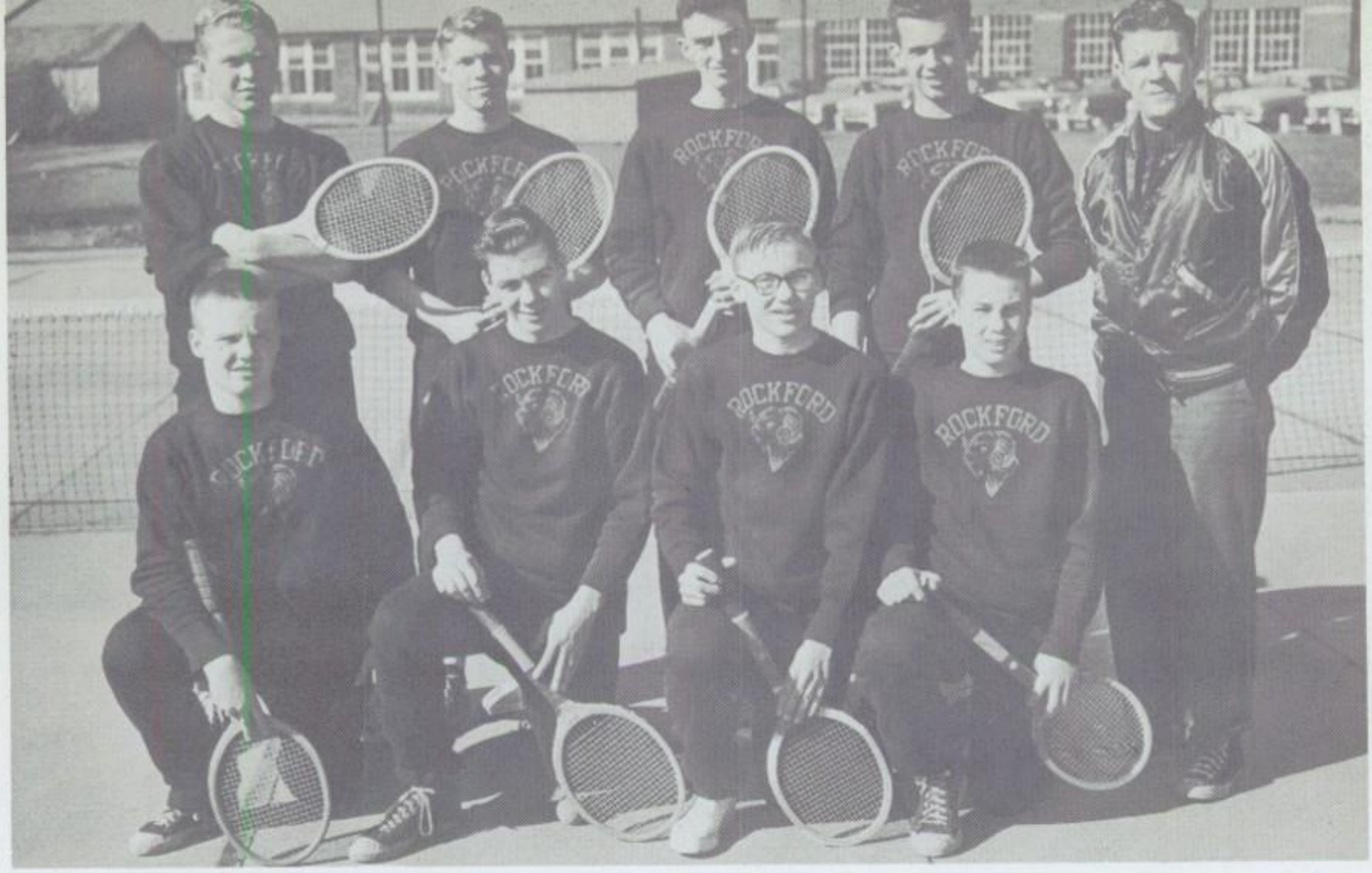

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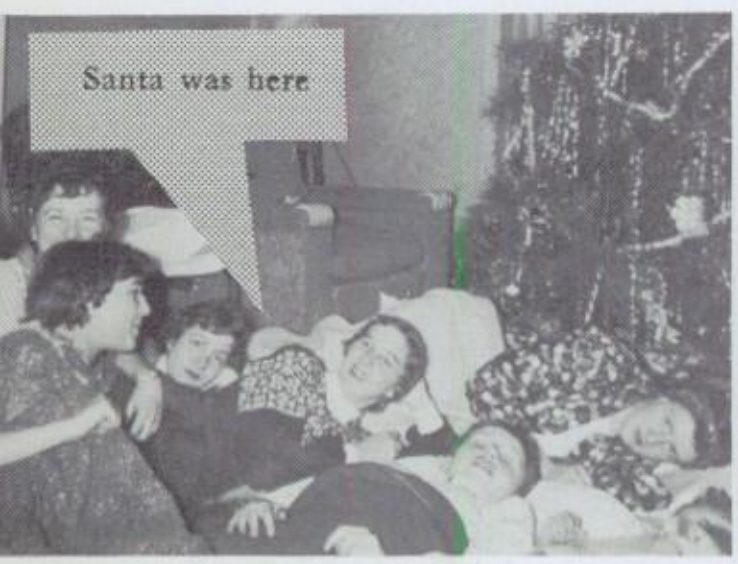

Splash party

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Guess Who!

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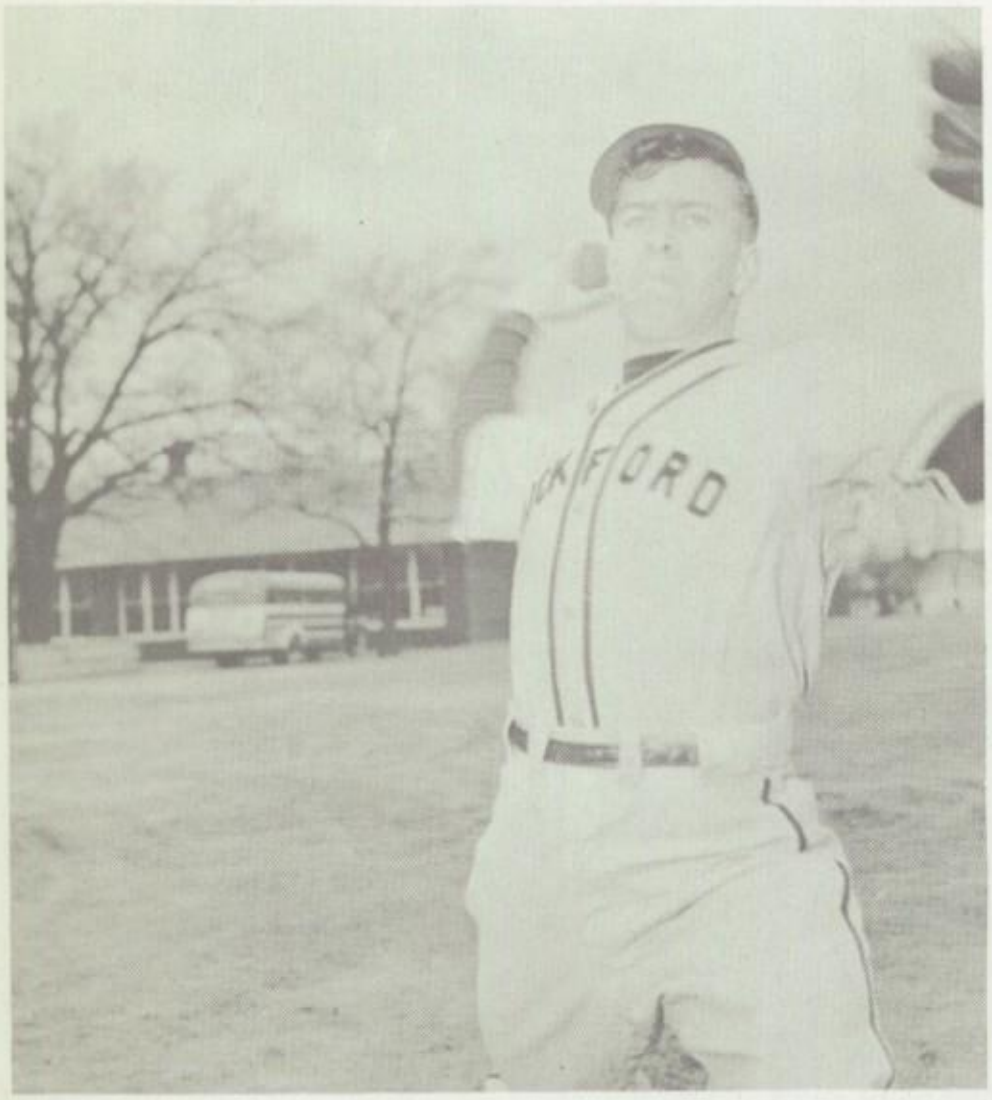

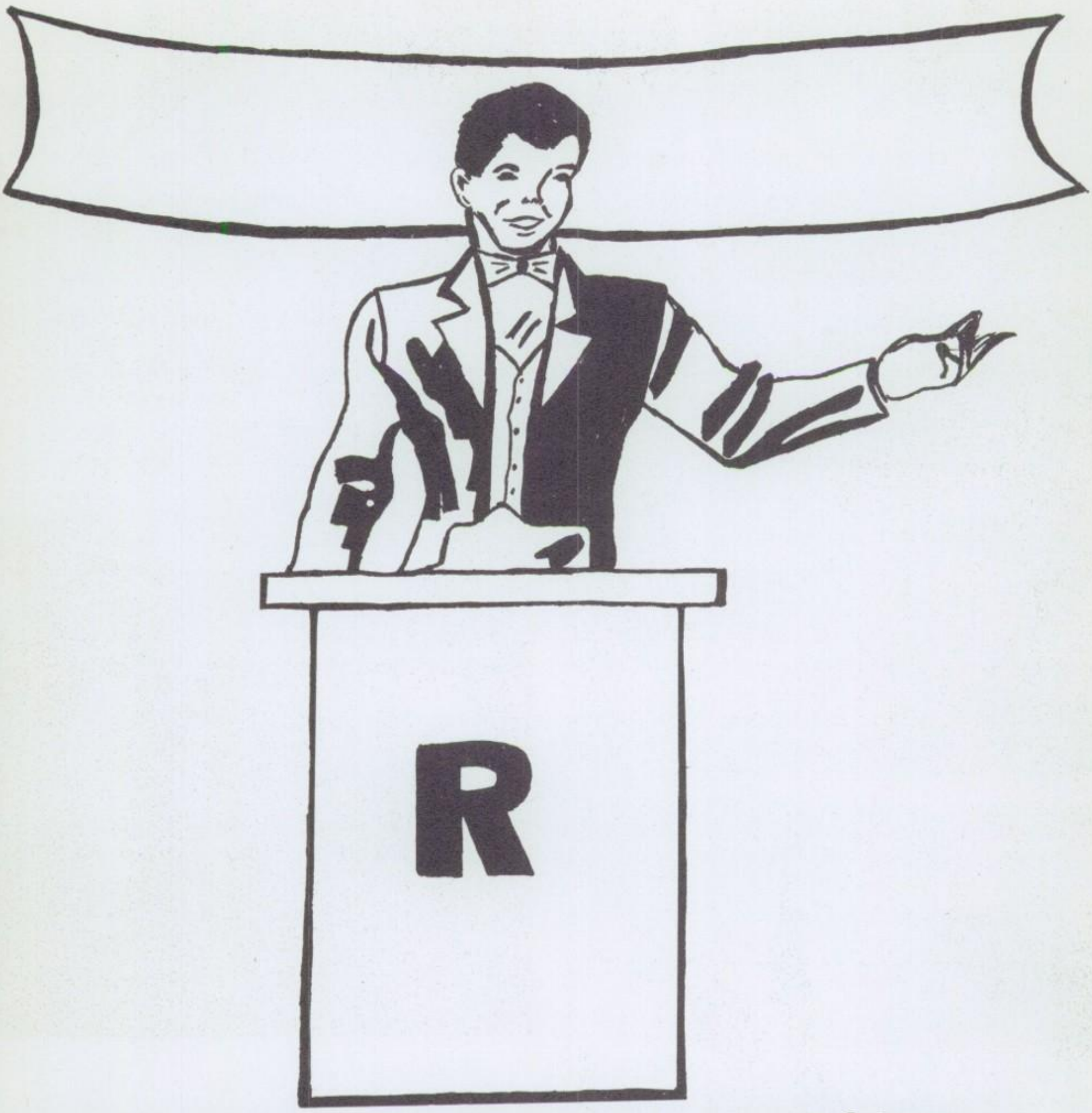

ACTIVITIES

. . . a view at the candidates' more or less (mostly less) private lives.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Spring, Sue Chaffee, Outer-Scholastic Council, Barb House, Inner-Scholastic Council, Norma VanDyke, Treasurer, Dick Powell, Mayor, Doug Smith, Sue Adams, Social Commissioner, Janet West, Carol Starr. SECOND ROW: Jim Hall, Ioma Blakeslee, Joyce Powell, Barb May, Eleanor VanderJagt, Leon Powell, Jack Bloomfield, Ivan Streeter, Mr. Schultz. THIRD ROW: Marv Winegar, Vic Krause, Assembly Commissioner, George Elerick, Jim Kleinert, Bob Cavner, Building & Grounds Commissioner, Bob Erickson, Paul Elerick, Jim Vredenberg, Dave Carlson, Bill Switzer.

Student Council

The purpose of this student organization is to promote better understanding between faculty and student and to serve as a strong, democratic government. Officers are chosen in the spring school elections while four representatives from each of the upper four grades are elected in class meetings. Commissioners are chosen by the council's mayor (or president). The council sponsors such activities as Career Day, Student Teacher Day, Stamp Day, and the Halloween Party. It is a member of the Grand Valley Student Council and sends one representative from each of the upper four grades to every monthly meeting.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Judy Gill, Treasurer, Sally Guenther, Virginia Mills, John Krause, Mayor, Bonnie Baker, Judy Adams, Clerk. SECOND ROW:

Junior Council

The Junior High Student Council, a division of Rockford's student government, consists of an elected mayor and several representatives. From this group a clerk is chosen. The council meets every two weeks, conducting its business with parliamentary procedure. It has four commissioners who become heads of separate committees, which they select themselves. This year the council has been trying to organize a traffic court. So far it has progressed very well. The council acts as a "steering wheel" for the Rockford Junior High School—guiding it to better governmental principles. Mr. Eby is the advisor.

Tim Farmer, Charles Parks, Marshall Wondergem, Jim Farmer, Mickey Otterbacher, Mr. Eby.

Police Force

The chief function of the Rockford Cooperative Association Police Force is to keep student order throughout the school. There are five officers under the Chief of Police. One is selected from each of the four grades plus a cafeteria officer. This force is in charge of the monitor system which keeps the halls clear during the day. It also controls the Bus Government. Each bus has two co-chairmen who have the same duties as the policemen while on the bus. It is up to our Police Force to make sure all the students conduct themselves in a manner suitable to our school society.

First Row, Left to Right: Bill McClaran, Doug Smith. Second Row: Bob Cavner, Dave Carlson, Marv Winegar, Ray Ealy.

Student Court

The court system is divided into two parts—the Traffic Court and the Superior Court. The former tries minor offenses and the latter tries the major cases and the ones referred to it by the Traffic Court. The Police Force is part of the court system and offers protection to all school organizations, including clubs. The Chief Justice is the presiding figure in both courts, and on her staff are a Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk, Stenographer, Jury Foreman and six Associate Justices. Rockford's Student Court is fashioned after the federal court of our nation.

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Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization for fellows enrolled in vocational agriculture. Its forty-four members carry on projects such as maintaining thirty hens, and working on the school forest of one hundred acres. One of the club's main aims is to "create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations."

President Janet Goble Vice President Louise Allen

Future Homemakers of America

These girls are interested in home economics. One of the main events of their year is an F.H.A. banquet and candle-light service whereby new members join them. They are the "Future Homemakers of America." The Homemakers Creed

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Secretary Claudette Warner Treasurer Marcia May

STANDING, Left to Right: Jack Bloomfield, Miss Zimmerman, Fritz Eby, Bob Savage. FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Mary Jo McCabe, Carol Starr, Susan Chaffee, Ina Towers, Charlene Parks, Margaret Bell, Lois Souffrou.

Debate Team

This year the proposition for discussion was "Resolved that the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union." Under the direction of Miss Beverly Zimmerman, the three affirmative and two negative teams faired quite well—winning approximately one-half of the two series of debates composing the state and the Grand Valley competitions. During November, December, and January, an affirmative and a negative team debated on the average of once a week. This really was an interesting field for the debators, and everyone else looked on with satisfaction as the students of R.H.S. prepared for more and broader views of the situations which we must face everyday.

Spanish Club

To encourage better understanding of the spoken word and customs of Spain our club held twenty minute meetings during class each Monday, and a party once a month including Spanish games and native foods. At Christmas the cherished Spanish Pinata was celebrated.

In appreciation to Mr. Boyer, the class is selecting an appropriate painting to be hung in Room 131 as a permanent gift.

STANDING: Mr. Boyer. AGAINST WALL, Left to Right: Karen Tompsett, Social Chairman, Maureen Lair, Secretary, Gordon Becker, Jim Kleinert, Vice-President, Dudley Cox, Harold Munsell. SECOND ROW, Left to Right: Mary Ann Bass, Pat Wooden, Milly Bell, Pat Frye, Donna Anderson, Eva Dryer, Barb Rice. FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Patti Watson, Treasurer, Pat Mann, Marcia May, President.

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Hi-Y

The aims of the Rockford Hi-Y Club are: clean living, good speech, sportsmanship, and scholarship. The organization is affiliated with the Y. M. C. A., and strives to promote better relations between the school and community, develop responsibility to other members and to obtain personal responsibility. The ambition of a Rockford Hi-Y member is to do the best he can in speech, study, and service in order to make life most worth while for himself and his community.

President Karen Tompsett — Secretary Anne Cox
Vice President Barb Young — Treasurer Barb Rice

Senior Y-Teens

The Y-Teens began their year by initiating the many new members with a rule which stated that they had to carry a raw egg from class to class for the day. Many eggs didn't get through! These Y-Teen girls took care of the coat room service at Y.W.C.A. dances for a month to earn money. They also sent a girl to the Michigan Winter Conference to gather new ideas on how to better the club.

Y-Teens has been more successful the past year than ever before. Hopes are that next year will prove even more profitable.

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R-Club

Members of the Rockford R-Club perform the various duties required at interscholastic contests such as ticket taking and ushering. They also help in the duties required to run the intramural program by officiating the games. The club maintains a fund which is used to help in the payment of injuries received to participants while engaged in interscholastic sports, when the Athletic Benefit funds do not fully cover the injury. The R-Club (or Varsity Club) has as its primary objective, the bettering of facilities and functions of interscholastic athletics which the school sponsors.

G. A. A.

The purpose of the Girls' Athletic Association is to promote friendship with girls in clubs from other schools and to acquaint the girls with all kinds of sports. The club has a constitution, which is closely followed. Attendance at all meetings is imperative. The participant receives points for each hour a sport is played. Different awards are given for varying points. For instance, once a month there is a "play night," and for attending, one receives twenty points. Different things are done at each meeting, such as hiking, swimming, bowling, and roller skating.

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Lillian Callen, Patti Watson, Secretary, Judy Brown, President, Maureen Lair, Vice-President, Anne Cox, Treasurer, JoAn Davis, Ann Buckingham, Karen Tompsett. SECOND ROW: Leta Mitchell, Joy Parrish, Ina Towers, Carol Starr, Mary Jo McCabe, Miss Toft, Shirley Brownyard, Joan Deyo, Marilyn Stone. THIRD ROW: Suzan Baribeau, Dona Martin, Shirley Switzer, Louise Wood, Darlene Dagley, Eleanor VanderJagt, Jeanne DenBraber, Shirlee Callis. BACK ROW: Mary Ellen Post, Ioma Blakeslee, Leona Crissman, Anne Marie Starr, Pat Otterbacher, Dorothy Langridge, Anne Spencer, Lois House, Henrietta Reed, Connie Sweat, Jean Hall.

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Senior Choir.... *election rally singers*

Community *Messiah* Rehearsal

The Senior Choir is composed of eighty-five members, chosen from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. It meets one hour a day, five days a week. The choir is usually available for concerts and programs and is well known for its outstanding performances. Each spring it spends a day touring neighboring schools—giving a sort of variety assembly program including certain choir

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Lois Berg, Shirley Crystal, Barb House, Shirley Barker, Joyce Powell, Joan VandenBosch, Darlene Dagley, Carol Starr, Mr. Disbrow, Violet Platt, Sharon Allersma, Maureen Lair, Norma Jean Van Dyke, Ila Christensen, Shirley Civils, Bev Powell. SECOND ROW: Margaret Bell, Barb Ammerman, Margie Houtman, Janet Swartz, Sandra Sherman, Eleanor Noortheok, Bessie Loye, Janica Zuck, Novia Muir, Wilber Mull, Francis Neilson, Joan Lynch, Lois Souffrou, Ann Buckingham, Janet Goble, Barb Rice, Claudette Warner, Barb Young, Millie Bell.

pieces and also various acts auditioned for by the students. The group participates in the district and state vocal festivals every spring for which it learns the pieces required by the Michigan School Vocal Board. The hardworking and beloved director of the choir is Mr. Loren Disbrow, better known as "Mr. Dee."

THIRD ROW: Judy Brown, Carol Mellema, Judy Johnson, Eleanor McFall, Shirlee Callis, Gwen Northouse. Bob Savage, Russell Lee, Dudley Cox, Roger DenBraber, Max Ingraham, Gene Berry, Jack Bloomfield, Mike Neuhaus, Ken Ploeg, Ken Houlihan, Bill Switzer, Pat Frye, Gwen Hardie, Bertha Young, Anne Cox. FOURTH ROW: Helen Visser, Evelyn Lundin, Kay Seeley, Harold Munsell, Jack Randall, Ed Towers, Don Kreiger, Bob Ericksen, Larry Lee, Bob Harris, Dick Soverign, Ben Seeley, Carl Adams, Dick Brantner, Jack Bartholomy, Forrest Roosa, Dave Ingraham, Vic Krause, Doug Smith, Mary Jo McCabe, Ruth Johnson, Berdena Feikema, Janet West. President Max Ingraham Secretary and Treasurer Barb Rice

The Hold-Up!

Senior Band..... *political horn tooters*

The Rockford High School Senior Band is an organization consisting of about forty members. Marching for the football home games is one of its most important activities each fall. Frequently, an opportunity arises to compete with Sparta, Coopersville and other Grand Valley bands. This

Marcia May

Joan Deyo

Shirley Callis

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Novia Muir, Leona Crissman, Millie Bell, Lorna Richardson, Pat Otterbacher. SECOND ROW: Ann Buckingham, Lois Souffrou, Russell Lee, Barb Young, President, Ron Matson, David Ingraham, Shirley Callis, Ioma Blakeslee, Joan Deyo, Dudley Cox, Bernard Armstrong, Danny Dunn, Forrest Roosa, Treasurer. THIRD ROW: Marcia

year, during the first semester, the band entered the Harvest Festival up at Sparta and won second place. Under the direction of Mr. Lee, the band members plan a tour, various spring and winter concerts, and a Grand Valley Festival for presentation throughout the year.

May, Karen Thompsett, Arlene Schade, Sally Wright, Connie Sweat, Wayne Stinson, Roger DenBraber, Jack Randall, Stanley Crissman, Sharon Squires, Barb Rice, Secretary, Jerry DeMaagd, Dave Carlson, Kent Graves, Max Ingraham, Larry Lee, Maureen Lair, Jack Gross, Leslie Bloomfield. BACK ROW, LEFT: Tom Wilson, Dick Sovereign, Anne Cox. Mr. Lee, Director.

Horned In!

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Lower, Diane Miller, Delilah Toohey, Sandra Dodgson, Lois House, Suzanne Baribeau, Pat Clark, Connie Sweat, Ann Spenser, Dorothy Langridge, Pat Otterbacher, Jane DeRagnacourt, Ethel Mullin, Margie Wheeler, Leta Mitchell, Mr. Lee. SECOND ROW: Marcella Gedritis, Donna Martin, Joy Perrish, Alyce Baines, Leona Crissman, Anne Starr, Hermina Feikema, Ray Bourne, Ed Keiser, Eugene Berg, Don Geikema, Jack Powell, Donald Bartholomy, Ioma Blakeslee, Henrietta Reed, Barbara Wood, Evelyn Jost, Jackie Eggleston, Mildred Grey, Lillian Callen. THIRD ROW: Barbara Nixon, Sally Wright, Sharon Bye, Charlene Pheiffer, Ann Nelson, Pat Warren, Leslie Bloomfield, Jim Plumb, Stanley Crissman, Clark Vredenberg, Walter Bremmer, David Platt, Barb May, Jean Hall, Joyce Stone, Sharon Graves, Mary Ellen Post, Glena Crist, Millie Jost, Joy Warren, Carolyn White. BACK ROW: Gloria Zarbock, Eleanor VanderJagt, Carol Birman, Lorna Richardson, Mary Ann Deyo, Doug Brownyard, Ken Peterson, Ronnie Heclo, Jim Beckett, David Carlson, Frank Neuhaus, Tom Gross, Paul Coykendall, Dan Dunn, Jerry Smith, John Riley, Gordon Mosher, Virginia Dakens, Marilyn Case, Louise Wood, Carol Beukema, Delora Lundin, Marilyn Mathews.

Training Choir

The Rockford Training Choir, consisting of freshman and sophomore pupils, is under the direction of Miss Lower, and has one class period rehearsal each school day throughout the year.

Its purpose is to introduce good singing habits, improve one's ability to read music and develop the singing voice.

Performing before school assemblies and also for various organizations upon request, the members become better prepared to qualify for the Senior Choir organization.

Junior Band

The Junior Band is composed of junior high and grade school students. It is the training organization of the instrumental music department. Private or class lessons are a prerequisite to this group. Though it is not designed to be a performing band, the following appearances are made: junior high and grade school assemblies, band concerts, and the Grand Valley Junior Band Festival. Much time is spent studying the fundamentals of rhythm, tone production and technique, as the success in the Senior Band later is dependent upon thorough training in these fields.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Judy Adams, Virginia Mills, Audlane Whittall, Barbara Jorgensen, Ruth Kreiger, Kay Kellogg. SECOND ROW: Margie Livingston, Bonda Goble, Jean Ann Smith, Carol Lee, Judy Bennett, Glenda Crissman, Sally Guenther, Judy Crissman, Marie Gould, Jack Stegenga, Diane Uren, Roger Stinson, Tim Farmer, Dean Morehouse, Mickey Otterbacher. THIRD ROW: Charles Carpenter, John Buckingham, Charles Parks, Jayne Plambeck, Jack Eggleston, Jim Farmer, Bruce Johnson, Judy Randall, Karen McBride, Pat DeMaagd, Harold Wondergem, John Oom, Jean Paepke, Gordon Ploeg, Johnny Zuck.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Kay Seeley, Lois Souffrou, Helen Visser, Bob Ericksen, Dick Sovereign, Don Kreiger, Evelyn Lundin, Dawn Shearer. SECOND ROW: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Server, Lois Berg, Eleanor Rubingh, Ruth Kreiger, Vivian Rubingh, Jackie Eggleston, Ruth Neilson, Sharon Ek, Miss Zimmerman. THIRD ROW: Kent Graves, Gordon Becker, Jack Eggleston, Donald Becker, Bernard Armstrong, Larry Lee, Harold Munsell, Ruth Johnson, Delora Lundin, Eleanor VanderJagt.

President Bob Ericksen Vice President Dick Sovereign
Secretary Helen Visser
Program Chairman Donald Becker

Truth For Youth

The Rockford High School Bible Club is a member of the National Organization of "Truth for Youth" Clubs. Our club meets once a week, on Tuesday noon, and at this time the club presents films and a variety of speakers for students to hear. Many enjoy the skating parties which they have with other T.F.Y. clubs in Grand Rapids. The Rockford branch, like other branches, is set up especially for young people to practice good living and fellowship together.

Future Teachers Club

The purpose of this group is to acquaint and interest the students with the teaching vocation. The club members go down to the grade school once a week to an assigned class and teach for an hour. Sometimes the girls begin projects with the children on health, art or science.

To get in the Future Teachers Club you must have a recommendation from two faculty members which includes a description of your general personality, dependability and conscientious ambition toward teaching.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Janica Zuck, Susan Chaffee, Louise Allen, Barb Beintum, Eva Dryer, Eleanor Noorthoek, Mrs. Wood. SECOND ROW: Sally Wright, Judy Johnson, Karen Fosburg, Carol Mellema, Judy Strickland, Ina Towers, Janet Goble, Norma Jean Van Dyke. THIRD ROW: Bev Powell, Shirlee Callis, Jean Den Braber, Alyce Baines, Janet West, Margaret Bell, Charlene Parks.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Jean Hall, Jane DeRegnacourt, Ann Nelson, Anne Marie Starr, Henrietta Reed, Mary Ellen Post, Patty Otterbacher, Joan Gunther, Carol Beukema, Lois House. SECOND ROW: Shirley Dorais, Marjie Wheeler, Judy Stuthard, Carol Lee, Judy Bennett, Bonda Goble, Jane Plambeck, Judy Randall, Glenda Chrisman, Vivian Rubingh, Margaret Muste. THIRD ROW: Arlene Schade, Sharon Fowle, Gloria Stuthard, Mary Ann Deyo, Alyce Baines, Nancy Ferrand, Sharon Squires, Connie Sweat, Leona Crissman, Bonnie Cavanaugh.

President Mary Ellen Post
Vice President Joan Gunther
Treasurer Henrietta Reed
Secretary Patty Otterbacher

Junior Y-Teens

The Junior Y-Teens Club is the lower branch of Y-Teens. Both belong to the Y. W. C. A. For Christmas, the girls dressed dolls for the Santa Claus Girls in Grand Rapids to give to children who would not have many gifts. They, themselves, had a Christmas party in the cafeteria, where they played games, had entertainment and refreshments and then went Christmas caroling.

The Junior Y-Teens strive to promote health, love and worship.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Margie Richards, Ila Christensen, Alyce Baines, Gordon Becker, Mrs. Harger,

Library Staff

Librarians are expected to sign books in and out of the library, check daily certain assigned shelves for any books that might be out of place, and help students find books and research material.

Students who show an interest in library work are either chosen by Mrs. Harger or volunteer for the duties of a librarian during one of their study hall hours a day.

Russell Lee, Violet Platt, Lois Berg, Bev Powell.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Larry Lee, Vice-President, Russell Lichnovsky, Francis Nielsen, Jerry DeMaagd, Vic Krause, Treasurer, Bob Harris, President, Clarence Commee, Fritz Eby, Forrest Roosa, Ina Towers, Janica Zuck, Barb Beintum, Sue Chaffee, Patti Watson, Jerry Ford, Margie Houtman, Secretary, JoAnn Cole, Shirley Callis, Joan Deyo.

Camera Club

The members of the Camera Club are students interested in photography. Regular meetings are held where business is carried on concerning the activities of the club. Also, work is carried on in developing, printing and enlarging. This year, a field trip that the Camera Club took was to Grand Rapids to visit Muir's photo lab and to the Art Gallery to view a display of modern photography.

All members profit by what they are learning especially the knowledge of taking candid pictures at home.

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Jim Kleinert, President, Clarence Commee, Gary Conant, Jack Bartholomy, Roger DenBraber. BACK ROW: Jack Bloomfield, Max Ingraham, Mr. Fox, Forrest Roosa, Doug Smith, Bill McClaran, Bob Savage.

Stout Fellows

This club of Senior boys has been quite active this year, participating in sports activities and its own meetings. Many of the fellows have opened their homes for the meetings, and once this year the club sponsored an all games party here at school. The main purpose of these Stout Fellows is to promote better student-teacher relations.

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Marilyn Stone, Jean DenBraber. SECOND ROW: Theresa Brodowski, Joan Lynch. THIRD ROW: Sue Adams, Kathy Oosterheert, Judy Strickland, Mrs. BeMent. FOURTH ROW: Evelyn Lundin, Virginia Miller, Gwen Hardie. BACK ROW: Helen Visser, Patti Watson.

Commercial Club

This group is composed of students taking commercial subjects, such as typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping. At the beginning of the year each member was assigned to meet the typing and mimeographing needs for one or two specific teachers. The time used for work was the students own time. Also, when the faculty wanted personal work done, they could take it to a Commercial Club member and pay him accordingly. Members gained valuable commercial knowledge through the experience of varied jobs they were given.

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Lois Berg, Russel Lichnovsky, Anne Cox, Barb House, Mr. Boyer, Judy Brown. SECOND ROW, Left to Right: Maureen Lair, Karen Tompsett, JoAn Davis, Mary Jo McCabe, Carol Starr, Ann Buckingham. BACK ROW, Left to Right: Jerry Ford, Claudette Warner, Pat Wooden, Ruth Johnson, Jerry DeMaagd, Mary Ann Bass, Pat Frye.

Press Club

The Press Club is a new school organization this year, comprised of students of the American Culture class. Writing news for the Rocket is the main function of the club. Besides writing news, the club enjoyed taking field trips. This year our trips included: radio stations WOOD and WGRD, the Grand Rapids Herald, and Michigan State College. We also had a press dinner.

The purpose of the club is to study and correlate extra curricular knowledge with text book data, which we have had a lot of fun doing this year.

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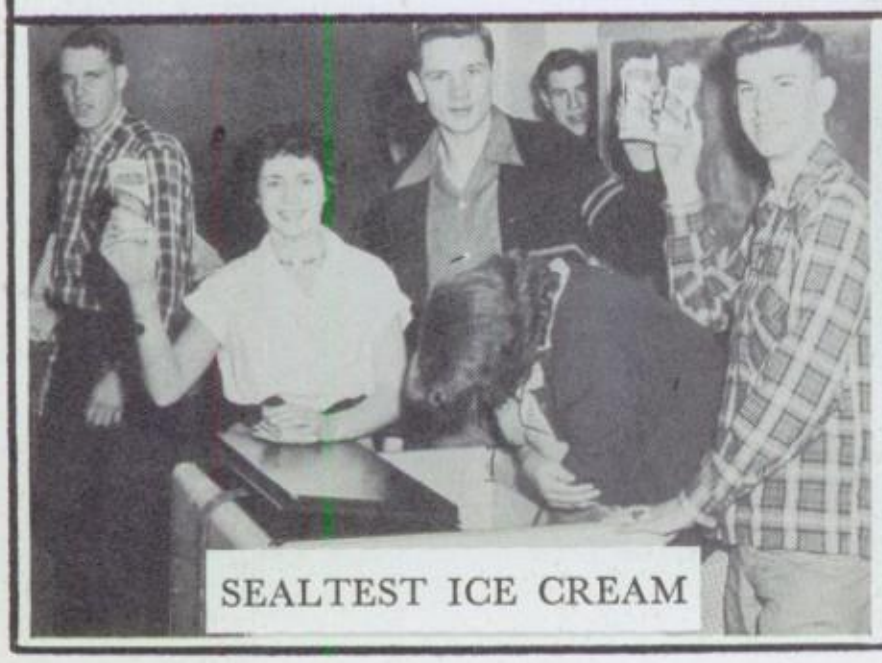

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